



Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association

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IN THE NEWS

[Ohio Supreme Court Asks Lawmakers to OK Bail Changes](#)

[Bill Would Allow Ohio Cops to Make Traffic Stops for Cell Use](#)

[Proposal Would Criminalize Faking Pee Tests, Ban Synthetic Urine](#)

[Ohio AG Dave Yost Launches Human Trafficking Summit](#)

[Ohio Drug Overdose Deaths Decrease in 2018, First Drop in a Decade](#)

OPAA NEWS

Join OPAA for our first webinar of 2020 – “Seeking Justice, What Prosecutors Can Learn From Exonerations” on March 10 from Noon – 1 PM.

Introduced

[Senate Bill 256](#) (Juvenile Life Sentences/Parole) sponsored by Sen. Manning prohibits a life without parole sentence for an offender who was under eighteen at the time of the offense, amends R.C. 2929.19 to require a court, at sentencing, to consider certain factors if the offense was committed when the offender was under eighteen before imposing a sentence, and enacts R.C. 2967.132 to provide special parole eligibility dates for juveniles sentenced as adults.

[Senate Bill 255/House Bill 461](#) (Monitoring – Long Term Care) sponsored by Sens. Antonio and Brenner, and Rep. Brent, permit a resident of a long-term care facility to conduct electronic monitoring of the resident’s room and provides for penalties for retaliation against resident due to electronic monitoring and tampering with the monitoring device.

[House Bill 460](#) (Judicial Elections) sponsored by Reps. Hambley and Skindell would authorize judicial candidates to appear on the general election ballot with a political party designation.

[House Bill 468](#) (Distracted Driving) sponsored by Rep. Lightbody would make distracted driving a primary offense and expand distracted driving to include, in addition to writing, sending or reading a text-based communication, viewing, playing, or otherwise interacting with any game or internet-based content, and using or manipulating any application that is either factory installed or downloaded to the device.

[House Bill 470/House Bill 471/House Bill 472](#) (Statutes of Limitations) sponsored by Rep. Rogers eliminate the criminal statute of limitations for rape and extend the civil statute of limitations for childhood sexual abuse.

Rules of Practice and Procedure

The Supreme Court of Ohio submitted [proposed changes](#) to the Rules of Practice and Procedure for 2020. Among the proposed changes are proposals to amend Criminal Rule 46 to make changes regarding pretrial release and detention and to reduce the use of monetary bail.

For a complete list of bills that the OPAA is tracking and OPAA positions on legislation, please visit www.ohiopa.org.