



# Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association

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## IN THE NEWS

[Legislation Would Drop Felony Drug Possession Charge, Require Treatment](#)

[Should Ohio Eliminate the Statute of Limitations for Rape?](#)

[Close the Circle of Failure, Mother Tells Lawmakers](#)

[Judges Should Be Able to Take a Second Look at Prison Sentencing](#)

[Lima City Councilman Hopes to Amend Ohio Expungement Law](#)

[Rules for Ohio Ballot Measures Land in Sixth Circuit](#)

## OPAA NEWS

The OPAA App is Now Available through the GooglePlay Store for Android and TestFlight for Apple

## Amended

[Senate Bill 3](#) (Drug Law Reform) sponsored by Sens. Eklund and O'Brien was amended on June 27. Among other things, the amendments (1) create concurrent jurisdiction between municipal and common pleas courts over the bill's proposed unclassified misdemeanor possession offenses, (2) reinstate the school zone enhancement, (3) exclude from the proposed definition of technical violation behavior that indicates a refusal to participate in community control, and (4) make possession of "trace amounts" an unclassified misdemeanor.

## Introduced

[House Joint Resolution 1](#) (Initiative Petition Signature Requirements) sponsored by Rep. Koehler proposes to amend the Ohio Constitution to increase the signature requirements for a proposed constitutional amendment by initiative petition. The proposal would require signatures from not less than ten percent of the electors in each of fifty three counties.

[House Bill 307](#) (Voyeurism Penalties) sponsored by Reps. Antani and Plummer increases the penalties for voyeurism and provides for penalty enhancements based on prior convictions. Under the bill, a first conviction would result in an M1, a second conviction would result in an F5, and a third or subsequent conviction would result in an F4.

[House Bill 302](#) (Child Abuse – Violent Offender Database) sponsored by Rep. Perales would add permitting child abuse, domestic violence, and most offenses under the endangering children statute, when the offender was 18 or older and the victim was under 14, to the definition of "violent offender" in R.C. 2903.41 for the purposes of the violent offender database.

[House Bill 309](#) (Assault – Transit Worker) sponsored by Reps. Denson and Perales increases the penalties for assault when the victim is an operator of an Ohio transit system bus or rail car, increases the penalties for avoiding payment of fares, and authorizes an Ohio transit system to post a sign regarding abuse or assault of staff.

For a complete list of bills that the OPAA is tracking and OPAA positions on legislation, please visit [www.ohiopa.org](http://www.ohiopa.org).