



Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association

Legislative Newsletter

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IN THE NEWS

[Patrick Heringer, Reagan Tokes Bill to Force Monitoring of Violent Offenders](#)

[Lawmakers Vote That Golf Carts, Electric Scooters Can Cause Vehicular Homicide](#)

[Sex Offenders Could be Banned From Entering Ohio Schools, Daycares](#)

[Ohio House Passes VJs Law, Prompted by Rape of Stark County Infant](#)

[Katelyn's Law, Named for Fairfield Woman, Passes Ohio House](#)

OPAA NEWS

The OPAA Summer Workshop in Sandusky is June 26 – 27.

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[House Bill 492 \(Traffic Offense – Failure to Provide ID\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Ray (R – Wadsworth) and Abrams (R – Cincinnati) requires drivers and passengers to disclose their name, address, and date of birth to a peace officer on request during a traffic stop. The bill also expands the prohibition against interfering with arrest to all motor-vehicle related laws.

[House Bill 20 \(Harassing Emergency Service Responders\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Hall (R – Middletown) and Plummer (R – Dayton) modifies the offense of obstructing official business when the victim is an emergency service responder. The bill increases the penalty for someone who, after receiving a warning, approaches or remains within 15 feet of an emergency service responder who is engaged in official duties and impedes or interferes with the emergency service responder or threatens them with harm.

[House Bill 533 \(Vehicular Homicide – Vehicles\)](#) sponsored by Rep. Kevin Miller (R – Newark) includes under-speed vehicles, motorized bicycles or mopeds, motor-driven cycles or motor scooters, and all-purpose vehicles within the list of vehicles for vehicular homicide and vehicular assault.

[House Bill 210 \(Catalytic Converters\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Roemer (R – Richfield) and Plummer (R – Dayton) establishes new requirements regarding the sale and acquisition of used catalytic converters and modifies the offenses of theft and receiving stolen property to address catalytic converter thefts.

[Senate Bill 315 \(Medicaid Fraud\)](#) sponsored by Sens. Schaffer (R – Lancaster) and Craig (D – Columbus) makes a variety of changes to Ohio's Medicaid program in response to recent allegations of fraud. Among other things, the bill modifies the penalties for Medicaid fraud, specifies that Medicaid fraud constitutes corrupt activity, grants the AG subpoena authority in Medicaid fraud investigations, and grants the Auditor of State subpoena authority.

[House Bill 251 \(UAV Law Enforcement Use\)](#) sponsored by Rep. Willis (R – Springfield) establishes requirements related to the use and purchase of an unmanned aerial vehicle by law enforcement and other public entities.

[Senate Bill 262 \(Standard Form Construction Contracts\)](#) sponsored by Sen. Blessing (R – Cincinnati) requires a public authority or other party to a construction contract to note variations from industry standard form by strikethrough and underline or by cross reference to supplemental conditions.

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[House Bill 472 \(Voter ID\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Salvo (R – Bolivar) and Cockley (D – Columbus) requires photo identification to cast absent voter's ballots, with certain exceptions, allows electors to apply for those ballots through a secure online portal, waives fees for an identification card or vital statistics record and permit the storage of documents for individuals experiencing homelessness.

Passed by the House

[House Bill 667 \(GPS Monitoring/Warrants Requirements/TCAP\)](#) sponsored by Rep. Abrams (R – Cincinnati) modifies sentencing for people who commit a new felony while on post-release control, provides additional exclusions from TCAP, requires certain warrants to be entered into LEADS within 48-hours, requires law enforcement to provide notice of certain warrants to the appropriate public safety answering point, and requires continuous monitoring of GPS monitored offenders. The bill now moves to the Senate.

[House Bill 345 \(Voyeurism Penalties\)](#) sponsored by Rep. LaRe (R – Canal Winchester) increases the penalties for voyeurism that involves videotaping, filming, photographing or otherwise recording the other person.

[House Bill 654 \(Abuse of Corpse\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Deeter (R – Norwalk) and Manning (R – North Ridgeville) increases the penalties for abuse of a corpse based on the type of abuse.

[House Bill 459 \(Moving/Removing Human Remains\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Gross (R – West Chester) and Williams (R – Toledo) creates the offense of moving or removing human remains and specifies that there is no period of limitations for the offense and creates a specification for moving or removing human remains. The bill was amended to provide that the offenses of moving or removing human remains and abuse of a corpse do not apply to a woman who experiences spontaneous miscarriage or stillbirth.

[House Bill 314 \(Vexatious Public Records Requests\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Ray (R – Wadsworth) and Isaacsohn (D – Cincinnati) creates a process by which a public office can seek a court order to limit or deny harassing or disruptive public records requests and permits a public office to employ a private contractor to respond to voluminous public records requests and to pass the costs of that along to the requestor.

[House Bill 528 \(Rape Penalties\)](#) sponsored by Rep. Williams (R – Toledo) requires a 7-year mandatory prison term for forcible rape and expands the definition of sexual conduct to include anilingus.

[House Bill 346 \(Child Abuse Mandatory Reporting\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Kishman (R – Minerva) and Williams (R – Toledo) requires health care professionals, as mandatory reporters of child abuse or neglect, to make reports to both the public children services agency and a peace officer, rather than to one or the other. Requires a PCSA that receives a report to notify law enforcement within 48 hours of receiving the report rather than within seven days as currently required by the Administrative Code.

[House Bill 647 \(Child Care Fraud\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Young (R – Washington Twp.) and Plummer (R – Dayton) revises the law regarding the publicly funded child care program and grants the Attorney General the authority to prosecute an allegation of child care fraud if the county prosecutor declines to prosecute or fails to make a decision about whether to prosecute or not to prosecute within a certain amount of time.

Passed by the Senate

[House Bill 3 \(Illegal Passing of School Bus\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Willis (R – Springfield) and Thomas (D – Cincinnati) increases fines and the length of the license suspension for illegally passing a stopped school bus

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that is loading or unloading passengers. The bill also authorizes the installation and use of school bus cameras to capture and corroborate illegal passing of a school bus and creates a civil enforcement program for use when a violation is captured by a camera but the driver cannot be identified.

[Senate Bill 422 \(Prohibit Sex Offenders – School Premises\)](#) sponsored by Sens. Schaffer (R – Lancaster) and Brenner (R – Delaware) prohibits Tier II and Tier III sex offenders along with Tier I sex offenders who were convicted of importuning or criminal child enticement with a sexual motivation from knowingly being present on school premises or preschool or child care center premises subject to certain exceptions.

[Senate Bill 421 \(Civil Statute of Limitations – Sex Offenses\)](#) sponsored by Sens. Antonio (D – Lakewood) and Manning (R – North Ridgeville) increases the period of limitations for a civil action for a victim of a sex offense to five years for an action brought against an individual for conduct prohibited as a sex offense.

[Senate Bill 102 \(Land Bank Reform\)](#) sponsored by Sen. Patton (R – Strongsville) makes changes to the law relating to tax foreclosures and county land reutilization corporations.