



Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association

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IN THE NEWS

[Chief Justice O'Connor Says Drug Sentencing Bill is Lacking](#)

[Ohio House Votes to Expand Drug Treatment Options for Offenders](#)

[Stunned by Sentence in Chiropractor Sex Abuse Case – Lawmakers Propose Change](#)

[Cuyahoga County Lawmakers Call for Reforms in Response to Jail Deaths](#)

[Bill Would Require Police to Record Interrogations](#)

OPAA NEWS

Register for OPAA's July 9 webinar on Suppression Issues and the 4th Amendment.

Passed by the House

[House Bill 1](#) (Intervention in Lieu/Record Sealing) sponsored by Reps. Plummer and Hicks-Hudson passed the House 90 – 6 on June 19. The bill creates a presumption in favor of intervention in lieu of conviction and expands record sealing.

[House Bill 5](#) (Public Defender Loan Repayment) sponsored by Reps. Hillyer and Leland passed the House 92 – 2 on June 20. The bill creates a student loan forgiveness program for individuals who agree to serve as a public defender for 3 – 5 years in designated areas of the state. Prior to passage, the bill was amended to create an indigent defense task force to make recommendations on the delivery, structure, and funding of indigent defense.

Introduced

[Senate Bill 160](#) (Records Expungement) sponsored by Sens. Rulli and O'Brien authorizes an individual to apply for record expungement for most convictions after 10 years for an F3/F4/F5, 15 years for an F2, and 20 years for an F1 subject to certain conditions.

[House Bill 279/Senate Bill 162](#) (Statute of Limitations – Rape) sponsored by Sens. Boggs and Galonski and Sens. Antonio and O'Brien eliminates the statute of limitations for rape and the spousal exception for rape and other sex offenses.

[House Bill 298](#) (Statute of Limitations – Child Abuse) sponsored by Rep. Kent modifies the statute of limitations for offenses involving child abuse and neglect.

[House Bill 299](#) (Penalties – Corrections Officials) sponsored by Rep. Greenspan enhances penalties for certain crimes against corrections officers, parole officers, probation officers, and parole board members.

[House Bill 290/Senate Bill 166](#) (Unlawful Sexual Contact – Healthcare Professional) sponsored by Reps. Boggs and Crawley and Sens. Kunze and Craig would prohibit unlawful sexual contact between certain healthcare professionals and their patients and provides for license revocation.

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