



Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association

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IN THE NEWS

[Anti-hazing bill clears another Ohio legislative hurdle](#)

[Bill requiring party labels for Ohio judicial candidates clears legislature](#)

[Ohio House approves legislation aimed at protest behavior](#)

[Butler County Lawmaker Says Bill Allowing Guns on School Property Needed More After Ruling](#)

[Despite Single Subject Rule, Lawmakers Often Load Up Budgets With Unrelated Policies](#)

Passed By House

[Senate Bill 126](#) (Hazing) sponsored by Sens. Kunze and Gavarone amends the definition of hazing to include acts to continue or reinstate membership in specified organizations and coercing individuals to consume alcohol or a drug of abuse. It increases the penalty for hazing to an M2. If an individual recklessly permits hazing that includes forced consumption of alcohol or drugs of abuse that results in serious physical harm the penalty is an F3.

[House Bill 22](#) (Obstruction of Justice) sponsored by Reps. LaRe and Wilkin expands the offense of obstructing justice to include failure to follow a lawful order from a law enforcement officer or diverting a law enforcement officer's attention in specified ways. The bill specifically excludes using video or audio recording equipment to record an officer in the performance of their duties.

[House Bill 44](#) (Assault – Sports Official) sponsored by Reps. Roemer and A. Miller increases the penalties for assault if the victim is acting as a sports official or the assault is committed in retaliation for the victim's actions as a sports official. A first offense is an M1 with a mandatory \$1500 fine and 40 hours of community service. A second or subsequent offense is an F5.

[House Bill 149/Senate Bill 80](#) (Judicial Election – Party Designation) sponsored by Reps. Swearingen and Stewart and Sens. Gavarone and Cirino respectively requires candidates for the Ohio Supreme Court and Courts of Appeals to appear on the ballot with a party designation for general elections. This requirement is also currently included in HB 110 (Biennial Budget).

[House Bill 83](#) (Child Support) sponsored by Reps. Russo and Manchester makes changes to child support laws with regard to caretakers.

Introduced

[Senate Bill 203](#) (OVI – Marijuana) sponsored by Sen. Manning makes changes to OVI law regarding the testing of a person's whole blood, blood serum or plasma, urine, breath, or other bodily substance for marijuana for the purposes of per se OVI.

[Senate Bill 198](#) (Statute of Limitations – Rape) sponsored by Sen. Antonio eliminates the period of limitations for the criminal prosecution of a person for rape and for a civil action brought by a victim of conduct that would constitute rape.