



Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association

Legislative Newsletter

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IN THE NEWS

[Does Ohio Need a 'Stand Your Ground' Bill](#)

[Devices that Thwart Drunken Drivers Rarely Used in Ohio](#)

[Reagan Tokes Act Passes Out of House Committee](#)

[Ohio May Ban Sexting by Anyone Under 19; Set Up Diversion Program](#)

[Ohio Looks to Decide What Police Body, Dashboard Video is Public](#)

OPAA NEWS

The OPAA, along with the OAG's Elder Abuse Commission, and ODJFS is co-sponsoring an Elder Abuse Forum on June 25.

Recently Introduced

[House Bill 692](#) (Transitional Control) sponsored by Reps. Patmon and Seitz eliminates the judicial veto over a prisoner's transfer to transitional control.

[House Bill 693](#) (Firearm Certification) sponsored by Rep. Young requires the Ohio Police Officer Training Commission to certify persons who have completed approved training programs designed to prepare school employees and other in the proper use and handling of firearms in school safety zones, authorize certified individuals to carry in school safety zones, and to create a tax credit for these individuals.

[House Bill 700](#) (Elder Abuse) sponsored by Rep. Carfagna to require that reports of elder abuse made to county departments of job and family services be made available to the person who made the report and to allow that person to inquire about the status of the report.

Reported Out of Committee

[House Bill 365](#) (Reagan Tokes Act) sponsored by Reps. Hughes and Boggs was reported out of House Criminal Justice on May 22. The bill reinstates indefinite sentencing for first, second, and violent third degree felons and makes changes to GPS monitoring of offenders.

[House Bill 425](#) (Body Worn Cameras) sponsored by Reps. Antani and Craig was reported out of House Government Accountability and Oversight on May 22. The bill excludes specific portions of body worn and dashboard cameras from public records law and outlines circumstances under which the records may be released.

[House Bill 394](#) (Juvenile Justice Reform) sponsored by Rep. Rezabek was reported out of House Criminal Justice on May 22. The bill eliminates mandatory bindovers, except in cases of aggravated murder, and mandatory SYOs, except in cases involving a reverse bindover. The bill also establishes special parole eligibility dates for juveniles sentenced as adults.

[House Bill 355](#) (Sexting) sponsored by Reps. Rezabek and Hill was reported out of House Criminal Justice on May 22. The bill creates a new misdemeanor offense of "sexting" and requires courts to offer diversion to first time offenders of sexting.

[House Bill 228](#) (Self-Defense) sponsored by Reps. Johnson and LaTourette was reported out of House Federalism and Interstate Relations on May 22. The bill shifts the burden of proof of self-defense to the prosecution, eliminates the duty to retreat, and reduces the penalty for illegally carrying a concealed handgun.

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