



# Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association

Legislative Newsletter

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## IN THE NEWS

[Recreational Marijuana: Bipartisan Bill Would Legalize Cannabis for Adult Use, Allow Home Grow](#)

[How a Red State Government is Squashing Ohio Blue Cities' Policies](#)

[Supporters Propose Jayland's Law; Here Are the Demands from Jayland Walker's Family](#)

[Ohio Lawmakers Look At Shooting Down Sales Taxes on Guns, Ammo, and Gun-Safety Devices](#)

## OPAA NEWS

The OPAA Summer Workshop at Cedar Point is June 23 – 24.

### Introduced

[House Bill 196 \(Community Control Sanctions\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Williams (R – Toledo) and Seitz (R – Cincinnati) makes changes to the maximum period of community control sanctions. For F1s and F2s the period would remain 5-years. The period is reduced to 3-years for an F3 and 2-years for an F4, F5, or misdemeanor. The period would also apply to individuals released on judicial release. The bill also amends the definition of “technical violation” to apply to all felonies and imposes restrictions on the length of time a person may be jailed for a technical violation. For a first technical violation, not more than 15 days, for a second violation, not more than 30 days, for a third violation, not more than 45 days, and for a fourth or subsequent violation any sanction authorized in R.C. 2929.15(B)(1)(a) to (c).

[House Joint Resolution 2 \(Prohibit Slavery as Punishment for Crime\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Jarrells (D – Columbus) and Plummer (R – Dayton) proposes to amend Section 6 of Article II of the Ohio Constitution to prohibit slavery or involuntary servitude in Ohio for the punishment of crime. The Constitution would instead provide that a court or probation or parole agency may order a convicted person to engage in education, counselling, treatment, community service, or other alternatives to incarceration.

### Passed by Senate

[Senate Bill 122 \(Bail Procedures – Criminal Rule 46\)](#) sponsored by Sens. Manning (R – North Ridgeville) and Hicks-Hudson (D – Toledo) enacts new R.C. 2937.011 that inserts the language of Criminal Rule 46 into the Revised Code. The bill passed the Senate with an emergency clause on May 31. A companion bill, [House Bill 191](#) sponsored by Reps. Swearingen (R – Huron) and Seitz (R – Cincinnati), has been introduced in the House.

### Passed by House

[House Bill 50 \(Certificate of Qualification for Housing\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Humphrey (D – Columbus) and Seitz (R – Cincinnati) creates a mechanism by which someone who is subject to a collateral sanction or sanctions for housing due to a previous conviction can obtain a certificate of qualification for housing. This mirrors the process for a certificate of qualification for employment (CQE) created several years ago. The bill passed the House on May 31.

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).