



Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association

Legislative Newsletter

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IN THE NEWS

[Franklin County Proposes Program to Curb Teen Car Thefts](#)

[Ohio Lawmakers Want to Ban Cities, Parks From Using Eminent Domain for Recreational Trails](#)

[Justices Hear Challenge to Ohio's Arson Registry](#)

[Ohio Lawmakers Want Divorced Parents to Share Equal Time, Responsibility for Kids](#)

OPAA NEWS

The OPAA Spring Training is April 20 – 21 at the Sheraton at Capitol Square in Columbus.

The Ohio Council of County Officials (OCCO) is hosting a legislative reception on April 19 from 5 – 7 in the Statehouse Atrium.

Introduced

[House Bill 77 \(Drone Laws\)](#) sponsored by Rep. Willis (R – Springfield) establishes and prohibitions to govern the operation of unmanned aerial vehicles in Ohio. Prohibitions include operation in violation of federal law or federal regulations, operation that interferes with activities of law enforcement, and operation over or near critical facilities.

[House Bill 110 \(Catalytic Converters\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Bob Young (R – Green) and Bill Roemer (R – Richfield) regulates the sale of used catalytic converters. The bill makes theft of a catalytic converter or receiving stolen property that is a catalytic converter an F5. Offenses are an F4 if the offender has prior convictions for violations of Chapter 2911, 2913, or 2923. The bill also increases the responsibilities of scrap metal dealers who purchase catalytic converters.

[House Bill 111 \(Domestic Violence Penalties\)](#) sponsored by Reps. LaRe (R – Violet Twp.) and Kevin Miller (R – Newark) makes felony domestic violence a “high tier” F3 and provides a presumption for prison for the offense.

[House Bill 122 \(Intimidation Offenses\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Pavliga (R – Atwater) and Adam Miller (D – Columbus) expands the offenses of intimidation and intimidation of an attorney, victim or witness to include guardians ad litem and court appointed special advocates.

[House Bill 124 \(Statute of Limitations – Rape\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Galonksi (D – Akron) and Miranda (D – Cincinnati) eliminates the period of limitation for the prosecution of a person for rape and for a civil action brought by a victim of conduct that would constitute rape. Extends the period of limitation for a civil action by a victim of childhood sexual abuse other than rape.

Reported Out of Committee

[House Bill 50 \(Certificate of Qualification for Housing\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Seitz and Humphrey allows individuals convicted of certain offenses to apply to the court for a certificate of qualification for housing in the same manner they may apply for a CQE and with the same effect on liability as the CQE.

[House Bill 35 \(Limitations Period – Civil Action Childhood Sexual Abuse\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Seitz (R - Cincinnati) and Miranda (D - Cincinnati) that includes an OPAA proposed mechanism for classifying sex offenders who were classified under the AWA rather than Megan’s Law.

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