



Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association

Legislative Newsletter

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IN THE NEWS

[Ohio House Passes Aspen Runnels Law to Make School Zone Deaths a Felony](#)

[Ohio House Passes Larry Henderson Act to End Parole for Cop Killers](#)

[Ohio House Passes Bill to Criminalize Drag Shows Deemed Obscene](#)

[State Bill Aims to Update Concealed Carry Law](#)

OPAA NEWS

The OPAA Spring Training is Moving to a New Location – The Ohioan Hotel and Event Center at Polaris. Save the Date for April 23 – 24.

Passed by the House

[House Bill 252 \(Burglary\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Click (R – Vickery) and Bird (R – Cincinnati) makes changes to aggravated burglary, burglary, and trespass in a habitation to remove the requirement to prove force, stealth, or deception. If there is force, stealth, or deception the penalty is one degree higher than under current law. This bill is a response to *State v. Bertram*, 173 Ohio St.3d 186. The bill passed the House 70-25 largely along party lines.

[House Bill 372 \(Aggravated Murder Penalties\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Abrams (R – Cincinnati) and Plummer (R – Dayton) provides that the penalty for aggravated murder for an adult offender is death or life without the possibility of parole if the victim is a peace officer, prosecutor, first responder, or military member. The bill passed the House 89-4.

[House Bill 217 \(Missing Persons\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Ritter (R – Marietta) and Cockley (D – Columbus) requires law enforcement agencies to enter information relating to a report of a missing person in the national missing and unidentified persons system (NamUs). The bill passed the House 96 – 0.

[House Bill 203 \(School Zone – Penalties\)](#) sponsored by Rep. Hall (R – Middletown) and Williams (R – Toledo) increases penalties for vehicular assault and vehicular homicide within an active school zone and allows a court to impose doubled fines for specified traffic violations in portions of an active school zone. The bill passed the House 96 – 0.

[House Bill 249 \(Indecent Exposure\)](#) sponsored by Reps. King (R – Celina) and Williams (R – Toledo) creates the offense of “unlawful adult cabaret performance” that prohibits a person, with knowledge of its character and content, from recklessly engaging in an adult cabaret performance in a location other than an adult cabaret. The penalty is a first degree misdemeanor or a fourth or fifth degree felony depending on the circumstances of the offense. The bill passed the House 63 – 32 along party lines.

Introduced

[House Bill 741 \(Charitable Bail\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Swearingen (R – Huron) and LaRe (R – Canal Winchester) prohibits charitable bail organizations from engaging in specified conduct and to make changes to the determination and forfeiture of bail.

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