



Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association

Legislative Newsletter

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IN THE NEWS

[‘Holly Act’ to Push Bail Reform in Ohio After Viral Cincinnati Fight](#)

[New Dog Law in Ohio Empowers Wardens](#)

[Ohio Child Care Providers Warn New Anti-Fraud Bill Could Destabilize the Industry](#)

[Ohio Looking to Ban Tax Foreclosures for Senior Citizens](#)

[Lawmakers Introduce Ohio’s First Standalone ‘Hate Crime Act’ With Bipartisan Support](#)

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 507 \(Receiving Prostitution Proceeds\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Newman (R – Troy) and John (R – Shelby) prohibits a person from receiving proceeds of prostitution. The bill passed the House 93-0 on March 4 and will now go to the Senate.

Passed by the Senate

[Senate Bill 87 \(Defines Antisemitism/Expands Ethnic Intimidation\)](#) sponsored by Sen. Johnson (R – McDermott) defines antisemitism for specific purposes and expands the offense of ethnic intimidation to include the offenses of riot and aggravated riot committed by reason of the race, color, religion, or national origin of another person or group of persons. The bill passed the Senate 27 – 4 on March 4 and will now go to the House.

Introduced

[House Bill 728 \(Juvenile Delinquency Diversion/Dismissals\)](#) sponsored by Rep. Odioso (R – Cincinnati) and Plummer (R – Dayton) prohibits juvenile courts, for felony offenses, offenses of violence, and specifications, from conducting hearings in an informal manner and from dismissing cases in the best interests of a child following adjudication.

[House Bill 727 \(RECLAIM Grants\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Fischer (R – Youngstown) and Plummer (R – Dayton) changes how RECLAIM grants are calculated so that the county allocation is proportional to the county’s share of felony delinquency proceedings brought in the preceding year.

[House Bill 714 \(Vehicular Assault\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Sigrist (D – Grove City) and Odioso (R – Cincinnati) creates a new vehicular assault offense prohibiting causing serious physical harm to another person or another’s unborn as the proximate result of operating certain vehicles negligently and increases the base penalty for failing to yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian in the crosswalk.

[Senate Bill 370 \(Victims With Disabilities – Penalties\)](#) sponsored by Sen. Romanchuk (R – Ontario) enhances various criminal penalties for offenses committed against persons with a disability.

[House Bill 725 \(License Plate Data Protections\)](#) sponsored by Rep. K. Miller (R – Newark) restricts the collection, use, sale, transfer, and sharing of data collected from an automated license plate recognition system for commercial purposes.

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