



Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association

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OPAA NEWS

The OPAA Spring Training is April 19 – 20 in Columbus.

Recently Introduced Legislation

[Senate Bill 268](#) (Theft in Office) sponsored by Sen. Wilson updates the penalties for theft in office. Under the bill, theft of \$7500 - \$149,999 would be an F3, \$150,000 - \$749,999 would be an F2, and \$750,000 or more would be an F1. The bill also requires that restitution under the section include auditing costs.

[House Bill 543](#) (Representation – Regional Airport/Port Authority) sponsored by Reps. Hambley and Perales authorizes the prosecuting attorney to enter into a contract to provide legal representation to a regional airport authority, a port authority, or a regional planning commission.

[House Bill 528](#) (Abuse of Corpse) sponsored by Reps. Rezabek and Smith increases the penalties for abuse of a corpse when the abuse involves knowingly dismembering, severing, separating, dissecting, or mutilating the corpse. The penalty for such a violation is either an F1 with a mandatory prison term or an F2 depending on whether the act was part of a ceremony, rite, initiation, observance, performance, or practice.

[Senate Bill 267](#) (Soliciting) sponsored by Sens. Brown and Kunze would increase the penalty for soliciting from an M3 to an M1, authorize the court to impose a fine of up to \$2500, and designate up to \$1000 of the fine to be deposited into the victims of human trafficking fund.

Other Legislative Activity

[Senate Bill 66](#) (Criminal Justice Reforms) sponsored by Sens. Eklund and Tavares would, among other things, add rehabilitation to the purposes of felony sentencing, expand eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction, and expand eligibility for criminal record sealing. The bill was passed by the Senate on February 28.

[Senate Bill 1](#) (Drug Laws – Fentanyl) sponsored by Sen. LaRose provides for penalties for drug trafficking, drug possession, and aggravated funding of drug trafficking when the drug is fentanyl or a fentanyl related compound. The bill passed the House on February 28.

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