



Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association

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IN THE NEWS

[Ohio AG Dave Yost Sounds Alarm on Victim Services Funding](#)

[It's Time to Change Ohio's Cash Bail System, Reformers Say](#)

[Armed Teacher Proponents Push Continuing Education Over Police Training](#)

[Case of Wadsworth Teen Convicted of Murder Recounted on National TV](#)

[Adding Party Designation to Ohio Judicial Candidates Receives Opposition](#)

OPAA NEWS

OPAA Spring Training is scheduled for April 15 – 16 in Columbus. We have applied for 9 hours of CLE.

Attendance will be limited pursuant to hotel pandemic policy.

Introduced

[House Bill 226](#) (Intimidation – Guardians Ad Litem) sponsored by Reps. Pavliga and A. Miller expands the offenses of intimidation and intimidation of an attorney, victim, or witness to specifically include guardians ad litem and court appointed special advocates, adds attempting to abuse, threaten, or harass to the offense, and specifies that the offense applies in domestic relations and juvenile actions and proceedings. Provides that a violation is an M1 if the victim is a GAL or CASA.

[House Bill 227](#) (Constitutional Carry) sponsored by Reps. Brinkman and Jordan renames a concealed handgun license as a concealed weapons license, allows a concealed weapons licensee to carry concealed all deadly weapons not otherwise prohibited by law, expands state preemption of firearms regulation to include all deadly weapons, repeals a notice requirement for licensees stopped for law enforcement purposes, authorizes expungement of related convictions, and allows a person age 21 or older to carry a concealed deadly weapon without a license.

[House Bill 211](#) (State Property Protection Act) sponsored by Reps. LaRe and Plummer allows an investigative agency to refer the result of investigations involving specific state property to the attorney general or to pursue the charges as it normally would. If referred to the attorney general, the attorney general may refer the evidence to the appropriate prosecuting attorney or present the evidence to a grand jury. The state property listed in the bill are all state office building in Columbus.

[Senate Bill 130](#) (Immunity – Lost Domestic Animals) sponsored by Sen. Antani grants a person immunity from the crime of theft and civil immunity for damages for possessing a lost animal if the person contacts the local dog warden or any other law enforcement officer within 24 hours and the person has not been reckless in the belief that the animal is lost.

Passed by House

[Senate Bill 2](#) (Competency Evaluations – Nonviolent Misdemeanants) sponsored by Sen. Gavarone generally prohibits a court, subject to certain exceptions, from ordering a non-violent misdemeanor to undergo inpatient competency restoration unless the court determines that the defendant is in need of immediate hospitalization. The bill now heads to the Governor.