



Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association

Legislative Newsletter

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IN THE NEWS

[Ohio Moves to Criminalize AI Generated Child Pornography](#)

[Ohio House Approves Rep. Thomas's Juror Intimidation Bill](#)

[Ohio Bill Would Create Registry for Domestic Violence](#)

[Ohio Lawmakers Want Vaping Registry, Strict Licensing in Crackdown on Unregulated Market](#)

[Ohio Hasn't Executed Anyone in Seven Years, Here's What the Next Governor Plans to Do About It](#)

OPAA NEWS

The OPAA Summer Workshop in Sandusky is June 26 – 27.

Sent to Governor for Signature

[House Bill 31 \(Record Parole Board Hearings\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Humphrey (D – Columbus) and Stewart (R – Ashville) requires electronic recordings to be made of certain parole board hearings and makes the recordings a public record. The bill also restores public access to information in an institutional summary report and provides prosecutors with access to inmate health care records when an inmate seeks judicial release or parole for health reasons.

Passed by Senate

[Senate Bill 393 \(Sex Offenses – Juveniles/Animals\)](#) sponsored by Sens. Manning (R – North Ridgeville) and Timken (R – Canton) criminalizes artificial CSAM, provides mandatory penalties for CSAM that depicts offenses of violence or children under that age of 13, creates a 5-year sentencing specification for possession of 100 or more CSAM images, creates a “close in age” exception for unlawful sexual conduct with a minor who is 16 or 17 years of age and for gross sexual imposition with a minor who is 16 or 17 years of age and increases the penalties for these offenses under other circumstances, addresses first time “sexting” between juveniles who are between 14 and 17 years of age, and makes sexual conduct with an animal a felony offense.

[Senate Bill 163 \(AI CSAM/Identity Fraud\)](#) sponsored by Sen. Blessing (R – Cincinnati) criminalizes artificial CSAM, prohibits identity fraud using a replica of a person, and requires AI-generated products to have a watermark.

[Senate Bill 225 \(Address Confidentiality\)](#) sponsored by Sen. Manchester (R – Lakeview) expands the address confidentiality program to include victims of crimes that caused serious physical harm or death or a threat with a deadly weapon, and household members of such crimes. The bill also clarifies that judges and prosecutors residence address is exempt from public records law.

Passed by House

[House Bill 689 \(Fingerprinting/Disposition Reporting\)](#) sponsored by Rep. White (R – Kettering) modernizes fingerprinting and disposition reporting.

[House Bill 565 \(Grand Juror Records\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Jarrells (D – Columbus) and Odioso (R – Cincinnati) exempts grand juror names and addresses, and the signature of the grand jury foreperson, from public records.

[House Bill 478 \(Jury Tampering Offense\)](#) sponsored by Reps. D. Thomas (R – Jefferson) and Synenberg (D – Cleveland) creates the offense of jury tampering and adds public servants to intimidation in a criminal case.

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