



Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association

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IN THE NEWS

[Bill Would Bar Death Penalty for “Serious Mental Illness”](#)

[Second Round of Tokes Legislation to Fix GPS Monitoring and Reentry](#)

[Ohio House Puts Priority on Treatment Over Prison for Drug Offenders](#)

[Gov. DeWine: End Statute of Limitations for Rape](#)

[Ohio Senate Committee Considers Bill on Drug Law Sentencing](#)

[Aisha’s Law Gets Priority Status from Ohio House](#)

OPAA NEWS

OPAA Will Host a Webinar on Suppression Issues – July 9

Introduced

[House Bill 1 \(ILC and Record Sealing\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Plummer and Hicks-Hudson establishes a presumption in favor of ILC for eligible offenders, expands eligibility for record sealing, and reduces the waiting period to apply for record sealing. The concepts in the bill were proposed to the legislature by the Chief Justice as a response to calls for drug law reform. The OPAA supports the bill as a measured alternative to Senate Bill 3.

[House Bill 3 \(Aisha’s Law – Domestic Violence\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Boyd and Carruthers encourages prosecutors’ offices to adopt “no-drop” policies that include certain practices, requires courts to offer 24/7 access to ex parte protection orders, requires law enforcement agencies to conduct lethality assessments of domestic violence victims and refer certain cases to “high risk” teams, adds domestic violence circumstances to the offenses of aggravated murder and endangering children, changes the definition of “family or household member,” and modifies hearsay admissibility.

[House Bill 10 \(Office of Drug Policy\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Brown and Stoltzfus establishes the Governor’s Office of Drug Policy. Among other things, the office will be responsible for coordinating drug-related efforts across state agencies and local governments, seek increased funding and resources for prevention and treatment, and remove barriers to addiction treatment and services.

[House Bill 248 \(Antique Firearms\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Powell and Smith exempts certain antique firearms from the prohibitions against having weapons while under disability and unlawful transactions in weapons.

[House Bill 5 \(Public Defender Loan Repayment\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Hillyer and Leland establishes a school loan repayment program for attorneys who agree to employment as public defenders in designated underserved areas.

Passed by the Senate

[Senate Bill 55 \(Drug Trafficking\)](#) sponsored by Sen. Gavarone enhances penalties for trafficking near community addiction services providers.

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