



# Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association

Legislative Newsletter

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## IN THE NEWS

[Ohio Bill Would Require Child Welfare System to Track All Domestic Violence Allegation](#)

[Ohio Anti-Property Tax Group Short of Signature Goal, Vows to Continue](#)

[Ohio May Ban Most Sex Offenders from Entering Schools and Daycares](#)

[Property Tax Repeal Would Cause Economic Disaster, Ohio Coalition Warns](#)

## OPAA NEWS

The OPAA Summer Workshop in Sandusky is June 26 – 27. Agenda and Registration Information Coming Soon.

## Introduced

[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 418 \(State Initiated Record Sealing\)](#) sponsored by Sen. Reynolds (R – Canal Winchester) creates a state-initiated record sealing mechanism that requires BCI to identify records that are eligible for sealing and provide a list to the appropriate prosecutor and court. The court must seal the records unless the prosecutor objects for one of several limited reasons.

[House Bill 830/Senate Bill 425 \(Violent Crime Reduction Grant Program\)](#) sponsored by Reps. LaRe (R – Canal Winchester) and Brewer (D – Cleveland) and Sen. Manning (R – North Ridgeville) respectively establishes the violent crime reduction grant program to award funds to police departments and county sheriffs that create, implement, or expand violent crime reduction strategies. Grantees must track offense and demographic information related to violent crime.

[Senate Bill 422 \(Prohibit Sex Offenders – School/Child Care Premises\)](#) sponsored by Sens. Schaffer (R – Lancaster) and Brenner (R – Delaware) prohibits Tier II and Tier III sex offenders/child victim offenders from knowingly being present on school premises or preschool or child care premises, subject to certain exceptions.

[House Bill 826 \(Create Offense – Obstructing Immigration Enforcement\)](#) sponsored by Rep. Williams (R – Toledo) prohibits a public official from knowingly preventing, obstructing, or delaying a federal immigration official and makes the offense an F5.

[House Bill 786 \(Artificial CSAM\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Williams (R – Toledo) and Klopfenstein (R – Haviland) prohibits the creation, possession, or other use of artificially generated depictions of child pornography.

For a complete list of bills that the OPAA is tracking and OPAA positions on legislation, please visit [www.ohiopa.org](http://www.ohiopa.org).