



Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association

Legislative Newsletter

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IN THE NEWS

[Conservative Buckeye Institute Says Bail Reform in Ohio Would Save Money](#)

[Attorneys Argue for Hours – State’s Opioid Lawsuit is Flawed](#)

[Cuyahoga County Prosecutor, Top Judge Unveil Criminal Justice Reforms](#)

[Kasich Wants Better Conviction Reporting for Gun Background Checks](#)

OPAA NEWS

The agenda for the OPAA Summer Workshop, June 22 – 23 is posted on our website. Registration information will be mailed this week.

Recently Introduced

[House Bill 622](#) (Concealed Weapons – Courthouse) sponsored by Rep. Perales authorizes a judge or magistrate who is a concealed handgun licensee to possess a concealed handgun in a courthouse or attached parking area regardless of whether there is a “court-adopted weapons ban” promulgated by Rule of Superintendence or local rule.

[House Bill 627](#) (Statute of Limitations – Rape) sponsored by Reps. Galonski and K. Smith provides that there is no period of limitation for a prosecution of rape, or a conspiracy to commit, attempt to commit, or complicity in committing rape, and to require the retention of biological evidence for the period of time that such an offense remains unsolved.

[House Bill 614](#) (Legal Immunity – Drug Overdoses) sponsored by Rep. West provides immunity from arrest, prosecution, or conviction for use or possession of drug paraphernalia for a person who seeks or obtains medical assistance for a drug overdose. This is an addition to the immunity currently provided to qualified individuals charged with minor drug possession offenses.

[House Bill 616](#) (Arrest Quotas Prohibition) sponsored by Rep. West prohibits specified law enforcement officials from establishing or maintaining a plan utilizing quotas to evaluate, promote, compensate, transfer, or discipline a local or state police officer over whom the law enforcement official or agency has jurisdiction. Requires the Attorney General to establish an anonymous complaint process, to investigate any alleged violation, and to issue a cease and desist order to any official or agency using such quotas.

Executive Order

The Governor signed [Executive Order 2018-03K](#) on April 23. The order requires the Office of Criminal Justice Services to report to the Governor on the reporting and uploading of relevant information into NICS and LEADS, and to reconvene a working group from 2015 to assess progress in addressing issues with NICS data reporting. The working group is required to report by August 1, 2018.

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