



Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association

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OPAA NEWS

The OPAA Annual Meeting is December 16 – 17 at the Hilton Columbus at Easton. Registration is open.

Introduced

[House Bill 485](#) (Requirements for Drone Operation) sponsored by Rep. Holmes prohibits operating a drone (1) in a careless or reckless manner that endangers any person or property, or with willful or wanton disregard for the rights or safety of others, (2) in a way that is prohibited by either federal law or federal regulations, (3) in a way that interferes with operations or activities conducted by law enforcement, or (4) to intentionally photograph, record, or loiter over or near a “critical facility,” as defined in the bill, in furtherance of any criminal offense.

[House Bill 486](#) (Requirements for Drone Surveillance) sponsored by Rep. Holmes provides that flight data and any information obtained through that data is (1) not admissible in a criminal proceeding unless obtained pursuant to a search warrant or under exigent circumstances that constitute an exception to the warrant requirement and (2) may not be used to obtain a search warrant unless obtained under a previously issued search warrant, under exigent circumstances, or during the monitoring of public lands or international borders. Establishes other requirements for obtaining a warrant to conduct a search using a drone and for the use of drones by law enforcement.

[Senate Bill 261](#) (Medical Marijuana) sponsored by Sen. S. Huffman expands the use of medical marijuana to include any condition not specifically listed, but for which a recommending physician finds that the patient’s symptoms may reasonably be expected to be relieved from medical marijuana or that the patient may otherwise reasonably be expected to benefit from medical marijuana. The bill also removes oversight from the state board of pharmacy and places it solely under the department of commerce.

Reported Out of Committee

[House Bill 109](#) (Increased Penalties – Riot Offenses) sponsored by Reps. Abrams and Carruthers was reported out of the House Criminal Justice Committee on November 10 on a party line vote. The bill increases penalties for certain assault, vandalism, and riot offenses and prohibits bias motivated intimidation of first responders.

[House Bill 116](#) (Computer Crimes) sponsored by Rep. Baldrige was reported out of the House Criminal Justice Committee on November 10. The bill updates and modernizes Ohio computer crimes laws.