



Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association

Legislative Newsletter

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IN THE NEWS

[How much THC should be in recreational marijuana? Ohio Legislature could rein in limits](#)

[New gun policies await Ohio House vote: What the proposed bills would do](#)

[Attorney General announces new training for public officials](#)

[Got a suspended Ohio driver's license? Lawmakers want to make it easier to get it back](#)

OPAA NEWS

The OPAA Annual Meeting is December 14 – 15 at the Hilton at Easton in Columbus. Registration is open.

Reported Out of Committee

[House Bill 51 \(Second Amendment Sanctuary\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Schmidt (R – Miami Twp.) and Loychik (R – Bazetta) enacts the Second Amendment Preservation Act to prohibit public officials or employees of the state or a political subdivision of the state from enforcing or attempting to enforce any federal acts, executive orders, administrative orders, rules, regulations, statutes, or ordinances regarding firearms, firearm accessories, or ammunition. The bill creates a private cause of action for a violation and subjects violators to a \$50,000 civil penalty per occurrence.

[House Bill 272 \(Handguns – Courtrooms\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Mathews (R – Lebanon) and Pizzulli (R – Franklin Furnace) authorizes concealed carry into a building or structure in which a courtroom is located if the building is not a courthouse, the building is a government facility, the court and the office of the clerk are not in operation at the time of the conveyance and the governing body has enacted an ordinance or policy permitting it.

Introduced

[Senate Bill 187 \(Firearm Disability – Misdemeanor DV\)](#) sponsored by Sens. Craig (D – Columbus) and Sykes (D – Akron) prohibits a person who is charged with or has been convicted of first-degree misdemeanor domestic violence from possessing a firearm or dangerous ordinance.

[House Bill 322 \(Child Sexual Abuse Laws\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Seitz (R – Cincinnati) and Abrams (R – Cincinnati) creates the offense of “grooming” and imposes a civil rather than a criminal penalty on a person who fails to register with the childhood sexual abuse civil registry.

[Senate Bill 193 \(Drug Offenses – Pill Presses\)](#) sponsored by Sens. Hoagland (R – Adena) and Johnson (R – McDermott) includes drug trafficking, illegal manufacture of drugs, funding of drug trafficking, and drug possession when the offender is a major drug offender, within the definition of “specified offense” for purposes of terrorism, prohibits possession of an encapsulating or tableting machine, and creates the pill press mold registry.

[House Bill 314 \(Juvenile Court Transfers\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Bird (R – New Richmond) and Williams (R – Toledo) removes the option for a juvenile court to transfer a proceeding against a juvenile to the county where the juvenile resides.

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