



Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association

Legislative Newsletter

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IN THE NEWS

[Kasich: No Execution Changes Needed in Ohio](#)

[Ignored Policies, Violent Crimes Raise Questions](#)

[Opioid Crisis Compounds Rising Domestic Violence Cases](#)

[Ohio Lawmaker Seeks to Change Citizen Initiated Constitutional Amendment Process](#)

OPAA NEWS

[Happy Thanksgiving from the OPAA staff!](#)

[We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting.](#)

Recently Introduced Legislation

[House Bill 411 \(Wrongful Imprisonment\)](#) sponsored by Rep. Seitz would, among other things, amend R.C. 2743.48(A)(5) to make an individual eligible for a claim of wrongful imprisonment if “subsequent to sentencing or during or subsequent to imprisonment, an error in procedure was discovered that occurred prior to, during, or after sentencing that involved a violation of the Brady Rule which violated the individual’s rights to a fair trial under the Ohio Constitution or the United States Constitution, and that resulted in the individual’s release...”

[House Bill 409 \(Veterans Treatment Courts\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Butler and Perales would authorize courts to establish veterans treatment dockets in conjunction with certification through the Supreme Court of Ohio. The dockets would be available veterans and active military members charged with fourth and fifth degree felonies. The bill would authorize courts to allow first, second, and third degree felons to participate under certain circumstances and would allow records to be sealed upon successful completion and a diagnosis of PTSD.

[Senate Bill 231 \(Violent Offender Database\)](#) sponsored by Sen. Gardner is a reintroduction of Senate Bill 67. The bill creates a violent offender database and requires individuals convicted of aggravated murder, murder, voluntary manslaughter, and second degree felony abduction to enroll in the database.

[Senate Bill 229 \(Controlled Substances\)](#) sponsored by Sen. Eklund would grant the State Board of Pharmacy greater authority over the regulation of controlled substances.

[House Bill 405 \(Counterfeiting\)](#) sponsored by Rep. Perales creates the offense of counterfeiting and established value based penalties up to an F1.

Justice Reinvestment 2.0

The Council of State Governments Justice Center is beginning work on a new justice reinvestment report. Representatives of the Justice Center gave a launch presentation on November 9. More information can be found [here](#).

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