



# Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association

Legislative Newsletter

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## IN THE NEWS

[Issue 2 would legalize recreational marijuana. Automatic record expungements? Not so much](#)

[Redistricting amendment backers restart legal process over petition language mishap](#)

[Anti-stalking bills would let Ohio private investigators track cars with GPS devices](#)

## OPAA NEWS

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

## Introduced

[House Bill 281 \(Damage Collection Requirements\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Seitz (R – Cincinnati) and Young (R – Dayton) amends R.C. 2307.60 to require in a civil action for damages caused by another person's criminal act that such other person was convicted of, pleaded guilty to, or adjudicated delinquent in connection with the criminal act.

[House Bill 289 \(SORN Law Noncompliance\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Robb Blasdel (R – Columbiana) and Swearingen (R – Huron) provides that if a Tier I or Tier II sex offender/child-victim offender fails to comply with duties under the SORN law, the period of time that the offender has a duty to comply is tolled during the time of the failure, and to make disseminating matter harmful to juveniles a sexually oriented offense and a person who violates the offense a Tier I sex offender/child-victim offender.

[House Bill 295 \(Age Verification – Material Harmful to Juveniles\)](#) sponsored by Rep. Demetriou (R – Chagrin Falls) prohibits an organization from failing to verify the age of a person attempting to access material that is obscene or harmful to juveniles, to prohibit a person from using another person's likeness to create sexual images of the other person, and to create a private right of action for each prohibited activity.

[Senate Bill 165 \(Catalytic Converters\)](#) sponsored by Sen. Johnson (R – McDermott) establishes more stringent regulations surrounding the sale of used catalytic converters and increases penalties for theft of catalytic converters and receiving stolen catalytic converters.

## Reported Out of Committee

[House Bill 56 \(Fleeing/Stunt Driving\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Plummer (R – Dayton) and White (R – Kettering) increases the penalties for certain fleeing offenses, amends the street racing statute to also prohibit stunt driving, and requires the adoption of written pursuit policies by law enforcement.

[House Bill 111 \(Domestic Violence Penalties\)](#) sponsored by Reps. LaRe and Kevin Miller increases the penalty for felony domestic violence to a high tier F3 and establishes a presumption in favor of prison.

[House Bill 161 \(Sexual Assault – Spousal Exceptions\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Miranda and Hillyer eliminates the spousal exception for various sexual assault offenses.

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).