



Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association

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OPAA NEWS

The OPAA Juvenile Prosecutor Training is October 14 at the Sheraton Hotel on Capitol Square. Registration is Open.

Passed by Senate

[Senate Bill 25](#) (Drug Trafficking/Drug Screening) sponsored by Sen. Gavarone passed the Senate on September 15 by a vote of 29-1. The bill enhances penalties for drug trafficking (1) when the offender commits the offense on the premises of a substance addiction services provider or within 500 feet, if the offender knew or should have known it was committed in that vicinity and (2) when the offender commits the offense knowing that the person to whom the drugs are sold is in treatment or was within 30 days prior to the offense. The bill also enacts prohibitions on the use of synthetic urine, urine additives, or another person's urine to defraud a drug test.

Introduced

[House Bill 413](#) (OMHAS Alcohol/Drug Addiction Data) sponsored by Rep. Loychik requires the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to collect data on, among other things, the number of people who receive medication-assisted treatment, inpatient vs. outpatient care, successfully complete treatment, relapse, have previously been to treatment and how many times, demographic information of each person admitted to treatment, the capacity of service providers, and the cost to the state of each community addiction services provider.

[House Bill 418](#) (Mental State – Providing Alcohol to Underage Persons) sponsored by Reps. Bird and Stewart reduces the mental state in R.C. 4301.69(B), which prohibits owners or occupants of public or private places from allowing underage persons to possess or consume alcohol, from knowingly to recklessly.

[House Bill 419](#) (Failure to Report Adult Abuse – Penalty) sponsored by Reps. Troy and Seitz increases the penalty for the failure of a mandatory reporter to report adult abuse from a fine of not more than \$500 to a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

[Senate Bill 226](#) (Limitations Period – Offenses Involving Children) sponsored by Sens. Kunze and Antonio provides that the statute of limitations for any violation of Title 29 that involves a physical or mental wound, injury, disability, or condition of a nature that reasonably indicates abuse or neglect of child does not begin to run until the victim of the offense turns 26 rather than when they reach the age of majority.