



Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association

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The Agenda for the
OPAA Summer
Workshop (June 21 –
22) is posted to the
website.

Introduced

[Senate Bill 133/House Bill 215](#) (Reagan Tokes – GPS) sponsored by Sens. O'Brien and Manning and Reps. Boggs and Carfagna respectively, is the second half of the Reagan Tokes law. The bill modifies GPS monitoring requirements for offenders released from prison, establishes workload and caseload standards for parole officers, requires the creating of a reentry program for offenders who would otherwise be released into homelessness, and requires the Sentencing Commission to appoint an Offender Supervision Study Committee.

[House Bill 205](#) (Good Samaritan Law Expansion) sponsored by Rep. Galonski expands the "Good Samaritan" law to provide immunity from prosecution for possessing drug abuse instruments, illegal use or possession of drug paraphernalia, and illegal use or possession of marijuana paraphernalia when a person obtains medical assistance for a drug overdose.

[Senate Bill 134](#) (Passing School Bus Penalties) sponsored by Sen. Gavarone increases the penalties for vehicular homicides and vehicular assaults related to improperly passing a stopped school bus and increases fines.

[House Bill 208](#) (Assault – Sports Officials) sponsored by Reps. Roemer and J. Miller provides for an increased penalty for assault if the victim is acting as a sports official or the assault is committed in retaliation for the victim's actions as a sports official.

Bills on the Move

[Senate Bill 13](#) (Human Trafficking – Juvenile Safe Harbor) sponsored by Sen. Fedor was amended in Senate Judiciary on April 24 to allow a delinquency complaint to be held in abeyance for up to a year and a half in cases related to prostitution or human trafficking, prohibit the admissibility of statements made by a child during a clinical assessment, and to require the prosecutor to object to holding a complaint in abeyance in order to require a hearing.

[House Bill 136 \(Death Penalty – Serious Mental Illness\)](#) and [House Bill 178 \(Concealed Carry\)](#) are scheduled for second hearings the week of April 29.

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