



Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association

Legislative Newsletter

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OPAA NEWS

The NDAA is hosting a national discussion on opiates in Cleveland April 25 – 27. To register, visit the training page on the OPAA website.

Enacted

[House Bill 1](#) (Protection Orders – Dating Violence) sponsored by Reps. Manning and Sykes amends R.C. 3113.31 to include “dating relationship” within the definition of domestic violence and to authorize individuals in dating relationships to seek protection orders under that section. The bill was signed by the Governor on April 5, 2018 and will be effective on July 4, 2018.

Recently Introduced Legislation

[Senate Bill 280](#) (Strict Liability Offenses – Punitive Damages) sponsored by Senator Eklund would expand the exemption from punitive or exemplary damages in tort law that is provided with respect to felony convictions. Currently, the exemption applies to tort actions where the alleged injury or loss resulted from the defendant acting purposefully or knowingly. The bill expands this to include strict liability offenses.

[House Bill 585](#) (Firearm Laws) sponsored by Rep. Henne would expand the definition of dangerous ordnance and automatic firearm, expand the conditions under which a person may not possess dangerous ordnance or an automatic firearm, eliminate the process for applying for relief from weapons disability, prohibit a person from obtaining a firearm on behalf of another, provide for entry of protection orders into NCIS and LEADS, and create a “red-flag” law.

Justice Reinvestment 2.0

The Ohio Justice Reinvestment Committee received a [second presentation](#) on Ohio Justice Reinvestment 2.0 on April 5. This presentation focused on effective policing strategies, efforts to reduce violent crime, and the behavioral health landscape in Ohio. The next presentation will take place in June.

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