



Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association

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Introduced

[House Bill 4](#) (Child Abuse Reporting) sponsored by Reps. Plummer and Manchester establishes an annual review process for child abuse and neglect MOUs that requires the MOUs to be submitted to the county commissioners for approval and ODJFS for audit. Requires the MOUs to meet certain requirements like cross reporting between PCSAs and law enforcement.

[House Bill 22](#) (Obstructing Justice) sponsored by Reps. LaRe and Wilkin expands the offense of obstructing justice to include failure to follow a lawful order from a law enforcement officer and taking certain acts that divert a law enforcement officer's attention.

[House Bill 62](#) (2nd Amendment Sanctuary) sponsored by Reps. Grendell and Loychik designates Ohio as a 2nd Amendment Sanctuary state and purports to nullify all federal acts, laws, executive orders, administrative orders, court orders, rules, and regulations infringing on the right to keep and bear arms and prohibits public officers and employees from enforcing the same.

[House Bill 74](#) (Transportation Budget) sponsored by Rep. Oelslager, among other things, prohibits the use of electronic devices while driving, makes the use of electronic devices a primary offense and creates new criminal penalties for vehicular homicide, assault, and harm related to distracted driving.

[Senate Bill 39](#) (Statutes of Limitations/Records Retention – Peace Officer Assault) sponsored by Sen. Schaffer eliminates the statute of limitation for felonious assault and aggravated assault of a peace officer, modifies records retention schedules for certain records involving peace officers, and modifies the penalties for aggravated assault, tampering with evidence, and falsification.

[Senate Bill 41](#) (Restitution for Riot and Vandalism) sponsored by Sen. Schaffer requires restitution for vandalism, inciting to violence, aggravated riot, and riot; includes certain vandalism conduct within conspiracy; and creates a mechanism by which a court can order reimbursement, by a person convicted of an offense connected to a potential serious threat to public safety, of government costs incurred in a response to the threat.

[House Bill 83](#) (Child Support) sponsored by Reps. Manchester and Russo makes changes to child support law regarding "caretakers."

[House Bill 43](#) (Open Meetings) sponsored by Reps. Sobecki and Hoops authorizes public bodies to meet via teleconference and video conference.

Reintroduced From 133rd General Assembly

[House Bill 3](#) (Aisha's Law) sponsored by Reps. Boyd and Carruthers provides for aggravated murder for domestic violence under certain circumstances, enacts a felony strangulation law, requires peace officers to conduct a domestic violence lethality risk assessment under certain circumstances, enacts emergency protection orders, and creates a domestic violence prosecution study committee.

[House Bill 8](#) (Custodial Interrogations – Recording Requirement) sponsored by Reps. Plummer and West requires recording of custodial interrogations for certain crimes and subject to certain exceptions.

[House Bill 30](#) (Animal Drawn Vehicles) sponsored by Reps. Kick and Wiggam clarifies the law governing slow-moving vehicles and to revise the lighting and reflective material requirements applicable to animal-drawn vehicles.

[House Bill 41](#) (Public Records – Mental Health Providers) sponsored by Reps. Lanese and Liston exempts certain mental health care providers' residential and familial information from disclosure under the Public Records Law.

[House Bill 44](#) (Assault – Sports Officials) sponsored by Rep. Roemer increase the penalties 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.

[House Bill 64](#) (Fraudulent Assisted Reproduction) sponsored by Rep. Powell creates the crime of fraudulent assisted reproduction and civil actions for an assisted reproduction procedure without consent.

[House Bill 70](#) (Illegally Passing School Bus) sponsored by Rep. Brown makes changes to the law governing passing a school bus.

[House Bill 78/Senate Bill 58](#) (Electronic Monitoring – Long Term Care Facilities) sponsored by Reps. Brent and Crossman and Sens. Antonio and Brenner respectively permits a resident of a long-term care facility to conduct electronic monitoring of the resident's room, to designate this act as Esther's Law, and to make an appropriation.

[House Bill 89](#) (Concealed Carry – Duty to Announce) sponsored by Rep. Wiggam modify the requirement that a concealed handgun licensee must notify a law enforcement officer that the licensee is authorized to carry a concealed handgun and is carrying a concealed handgun when stopped.

[House Bill 93](#) (Address Confidentiality) sponsored by Reps. Abrams and LaRe makes changes to the Address Confidentiality Program administered by the Secretary of State and to make changes to county recorder fees.

[House Bill 99](#) (Armed Persons – School Safety Zones) sponsored by Rep. Hall expressly exempts persons authorized to go armed within a school safety zone from a requirement that peace officer basic training be obtained and to require that those persons successfully complete firearms training that meets or exceeds the training requirements for concealed handgun licensees for the exemption to apply.

[Senate Bill 34](#) (Arson Penalties) sponsored by Sen. Brenner increases penalties for arson offenses and related offenses and to make an appropriation.

[Senate Bill 36](#) (Crime Victim Reparations) sponsored by Sens. S. Huffman and Manning revises the eligibility standards and procedure for awarding reparations to crime victims.

[Senate Bill 54](#) (Telecommunications Fraud) sponsored by Sen. Gavarone includes within the offense of telecommunications fraud providing misleading or inaccurate caller identification information, allows the Attorney General to prosecute offenses of unauthorized use of property and telecommunications fraud, and prohibits any person, entity, or merchant from violating the federal Telemarketing and Consumer Fraud and Abuse Prevention Act.

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