



Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association

Legislative Newsletter

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The OPAA Spring Training is April 19 – 20 at the Sheraton at Capitol Square. The agenda is available on our website.

Recently Introduced Legislation

[House Bill 497](#) (Nonconsensual Image Dissemination) sponsored by Reps. Manning and Rogers would enact R.C. 2917.211 to prohibit the nonconsensual dissemination of private sexual images and create certain employment rights for a victim. House Bill 497 is companion legislation to Senate Bill 251.

[House Bill 498](#) (Resisting Arrest) sponsored by Rep. Schuring would classify resisting arrest as an offense of violence, increase the penalty for resisting arrest from an M2 to an M1, increase the penalty for causing physical harm to an officer while resisting arrest from an M1 to an F5, and decrease the penalty for recklessly causing physical harm to officer, while resisting arrest, by means of a deadly weapon from an F4 to an F5.

[House Bill 515](#) (Child Rehoming) sponsored by Rep. Pelanda would prohibit selling or transferring a child for anything of value and receiving or placing a child in the custody of another person with the intent that the child remain in the person's custody for more than one year, subject to certain exceptions. A violation is an F5 on a first offense and F4 on a subsequent offense.

[House Bill 520](#) (Human Trafficking) sponsored by Reps. Hughes and Miller would increase the penalty for soliciting from an M3 to an M1, authorize the court to impose a fine of up to \$2500, and designate up to \$1000 of the fine to be deposited into the victims of human trafficking fund.

Other Legislative Actions

[House Bill 1](#) (Dating Violence Protection Orders) sponsored by Reps. Manning and Sykes would expand the domestic violence protection order statute to specifically cover individuals in dating relationships. The bill was passed by the Senate on February 20.

[Senate Bill 70](#) (Child Support Changes) sponsored by Sen. Coley was signed by the Governor on February 8. Among other things, the bill allows for indictment for criminal nonsupport if current support has terminated but amounts remain unpaid. The bill has a delayed effective date of nine months.

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