



Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association

Legislative Newsletter

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[Bill Would Send Many Drug Offenders to Community Control Instead of Prison](#)

[Sexting Bill Looks to Give Teens a Break for a Bad Choice](#)

[Indiana Civil Forfeiture Case Going to SCOTUS](#)

[Ohio Gun Rights Could Expand Under "Stand Your Ground" Law](#)

[Bill to Support Trafficking Victims Clears Ohio House](#)

[Cuyahoga County Panel Will Consider Bail Reform, Other Changes](#)

[Reagan Tokes Act Passes Ohio House](#)

Bills Sent to the Governor

[Senate Bill 1](#) (Drug Laws – Fentanyl) sponsored by Sen. LaRose defines “fentanyl-related compound” and provides penalties for possession of and trafficking in fentanyl and fentanyl-related compounds.

[Senate Bill 66](#) (Criminal Justice Reform) sponsored by Sens. Eklund and Tavares makes changes to criminal sentencing and corrections law. Among other things, the bill adds rehabilitation to the purposes of felony sentencing, expands intervention in lieu of conviction, expands record sealing, and expands prosecutor diversion.

[Senate Bill 4](#) (Expungement – Human Trafficking) sponsored by Sens. Kunze and Oelslager authorizes victims of human trafficking to apply for the expungement of the record of conviction of any offense other than aggravated murder, murder, or rape. The bill establishes factors that a court must consider before expunging the records of first or second degree felonies.

[House Bill 366](#) (Child Support Law) sponsored by Rep. Gavarone makes changes to the laws governing child support.

[House Bill 95](#) (Distracted Driving) sponsored by Reps. Hughes and Seitz defines distracted driving and provides for an additional fine of up to \$100 for distracted driving or, in lieu of the fine, the ability to attend a distracted driving safety course. The bill also reenacts provisions of law that specified that certain electronic wireless communications device violations were allied offenses of similar import.

[House Bill 8](#) (Public Records – Minors) sponsored by Reps. Hambley and Rezabek exempts certain information concerning a minor that is included in a record related to a traffic accident involving a school vehicle.

Other Bills on the Move

[House Bill 296](#) (Drug Offenses) sponsored by Rep. Gavarone provides for enhanced penalties for drug trafficking in the vicinity of a community addiction services provider. The bill was passed by the House on June 20.

[House Bill 355](#) (Sexting) sponsored by Reps. Hill and Rezabek creates a new criminal offense of “sexting” for individuals under 19 years of age and provides for diversion for a first offense. The bill was passed by the House on June 27.

[House Bill 425](#) (Police Worn Body Cameras) sponsored by Rep. Antani excludes certain portions of police worn body camera recordings and dashboard recordings from the public records law. The bill was passed by the House on June 27.

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