



Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association

Legislative Newsletter – 134th General Assembly

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IN THE NEWS

[Ohio Lawmakers Seek Change in Where Wrongdoing by Legislators Could Be Prosecuted](#)

[Top Ohio Judicial Candidates Would Have Party ID Listed on Ballots](#)

[Kettering State Rep Introduces Ohio Crime Victim Bill of Rights](#)

[Transparency in Ohio Sentencing](#)

[Ohio Bill Seeks to Set Limits on Cash Bail for Defendants](#)

OPAA NEWS

The OPAA Summer Workshop is June 25 – 26 at Breakers Cedar Point

Passed by Senate

[House Bill 110](#) (Biennial Budget) passed the Senate on June 9 and will now go to conference committee. Notable changes in the Senate version include a return to voluntary TCAP but includes authority to volunteer for F4 offenses in addition to F5s, a provision requiring candidates for the Supreme Court and Courts of Appeals to have party designation on the ballot, increases funding for rape crisis centers, increases the appropriation for DV programs, and appropriates additional funds for crime victim compensation. Budget bill highlights attached in separate document.

[Senate Bill 16](#) (Emergency Service Responders/Impeding Public Passage) sponsored by Sen. Schaffer increases the penalties for assault and menacing when the victim of the offense is an emergency service responder, a family or household member or coworker of an emergency service responder. The bill also enacts the offense of unlawfully impeding public passage of an emergency service responder to prohibit obstructing an emergency service responder responding to an emergency or having access to an exit from an emergency and makes the offense a misdemeanor of the first degree.

Amended in House Committee

[House Bill 286](#) (Appeals from Agency Orders) sponsored by Rep. Seitz changes the venue in which appeal from an agency order is proper to the local court of common pleas. The bill was amended on June 8 to require offenses against public administration to be tried in the county of the offender's residence unless the offender moves to have the case prosecuted in the county in which the conduct occurred and to establish a process for appointment of a county prosecutor in cases in which the elected prosecutor has recused.

Introduced

[House Bill 343](#) (Marsy's Law) sponsored by Rep. Andrea White implements the Marsy's Law constitutional amendment. The legislation includes a variety of provisions related to constitutional victims rights and the enforcement of those rights.

[House Bill 341](#) (Bureau of Hate Crimes) sponsored by Reps. A. Miller and Weinstein creates the bureau of hate crimes within the office of the Attorney General and authorizes the Attorney General to prosecute any crime that the Attorney General has cause to believe is a hate crime.