



Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association

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OPAA NEWS

Registration for the OPAA Summer Workshop (June 21 – 22) is open

Passed by House

[House Bill 166 \(Biennial Budget\)](#) sponsored by Rep. Oelslager passed the House on May 9. The House version of the bill addressed two concerns raised by OPAA. A provision that would have granted the Director of ODRC, rather than the Governor, authority to grant medical release to terminally ill or medically incapacitated prisoners was removed. Also removed was a provision that would have repealed APA responsibility for probation services in certain counties. The bill now moves to the Senate.

Introduced

[Senate Bill 146 \(Domestic Violence – Strangulation\)](#) sponsored by Sens. Kunze and Antonio expands the offense of domestic violence to prohibit strangulation and provides that strangulation is a felony of the third degree on a first offense and felony of the second degree on a subsequent offense.

[House Bill 236 \(Hospital Police\)](#) sponsored by Reps. J. Todd Smith and Plummer adds hospital police officers to the definition of peace officers in R.C. 2935.01.

[House Bill 232 \(Importuning\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Schaffer and Kent Smith increases the penalties for importuning if in addition to soliciting the other person, the offender arranged to meet the other person for the purpose of engaging in sexual activity.

[Senate Bill 143 \(Aggravated Bullying\)](#) sponsored by Sen. Williams creates the offense of aggravated bullying. The bill prohibits knowingly causing another person who is a student of a public primary or secondary school to believe that the offender will cause serious emotional harm or physical harm to that person or knowingly causing serious emotional harm and provides that a violation is a misdemeanor of the third degree.

[Senate Bill 144 \(Bullying – Discipline\)](#) sponsored by Sen. Williams creates a tiered disciplinary procedure for harassment, intimidation, and bullying.

[House Bill 240 \(Firearm Storage\)](#) sponsored by Reps. Kelly and Miranda prohibits the negligent storage of a firearm and provides penalties.

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