



# Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association

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## IN THE NEWS

[Repeal New Law That Could Set Killers Free](#)

[Ohio Lawmakers Crafting Sports Betting Bill as Lobbyists Compete for Control of Wagering Business](#)

[Governor Signs Bill to Prioritize Patients for Psychiatric Beds](#)

[Domestic Violence Survivor Advocates for Increased Funding in State Budget](#)

[National Crime Victims Rights Week: Services for Victims in Wood County](#)

## OPAA NEWS

Join OPAA for a webinar on the Stand Your Ground Law hosted by Steve Taylor. Thursday, May 20 at Noon.

## **Introduced**

[House Bill 276](#) (Prohibit Prostitution Proceeds) sponsored by Reps. Powell and Schmidt prohibits knowingly receiving or acquiring money or any other thing of value from a prostitute earned from sexual activity for hire. A violation is an F2 if the prostitute is under age 18 and otherwise an F3. The offense is also included within the definition of corrupt activity.

[House Bill 278](#) (Revise MARCS Laws) sponsored by Rep. Hillyer makes updates to the laws governing the multi-agency radio communications system known as MARCS and imposes a charge of fifteen cents per month on each wireless telephone number of a wireless subscriber who has a billing address in Ohio to fund MARCS administration and 9-1-1 assistance.

[House Bill 266](#) (Sexual Assault Statutes of Limitation) sponsored by Reps. Galonski and Miranda eliminates the statute of limitations for rape.

## **Signed by Governor**

[Senate Bill 2](#) (Competency Evaluations – Non-Violent Misdemeanants) sponsored by Sen. Gavarone generally requires that non-violent misdemeanants undergo competency evaluations, and when necessary competency restoration, in the community rather than in a facility operated by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. Exceptions are made for defendants who have not been released on bail and for individuals who are subject to institutionalization by court-order.

## **Reported Out of Committee**

[House Bill 150](#) (Public Defender Loan Forgiveness) sponsored by Reps. Hillyer and Leland was reported out of the House Criminal Justice Committee on April 22. The bill establishes a loan forgiveness program that would give public defenders and appointed counsel the opportunity to obtain up to \$10,000 per year in loan forgiveness for up to five years of service in counties designated as public defender shortage areas.

[House Bill 206](#) (Township Police – Offenses on Interstate) sponsored by Reps. Ghanbari and O'Brien was reported out of the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee on April 20. The bill permits a township police officer who serves a population between 5,000 and 50,000 to enforce specified traffic offenses on interstate highways within the township if authorized by that township's board of trustees.