



Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association

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The OPAA Annual Meeting is December 16 – 17 at the Hilton Columbus at Easton. Registration is open.

Passed By House

[House Bill 3](#) (Aisha's Law) sponsored by Reps. Boyd and Carruthers passed the House on October 27. The bill makes several changes to domestic violence law including an amendment to the aggravated murder statute to include certain domestic violence circumstances, an amendment to the domestic violence statute to include the offense of strangulation, the creation of an emergency protection order, requires the use of a lethality assessment screening tool and creates a domestic violence prosecution study committee.

[House Bill 254](#) (Domestic Violence Fatality Review Boards) sponsored by Reps. Boggs and Abrams passed the House on October 27. The bill authorizes the establishment of county or regional domestic violence fatality review boards and requires the submission of annual reports to ODH.

Introduced

[House Bill 456](#) (Fentanyl Test Strips) sponsored by Rep. Boggs specifies that fentanyl test strips are not drug paraphernalia.

[House Bill 462](#) (Swatting) sponsored by Reps. Miller and Carfagna creates the offense of "swatting." The bill prohibits using a telecommunications device or service to purposely trigger an emergency response when no emergency response is warranted by reporting false or misleading information to law enforcement, and emergency service provider, or a public safety answering point. Swatting is an F3. If swatting results in serious physical harm it is an F1.

[House Bill 455](#) (Concealed Carry – Prohibited Places) sponsored by Rep. Stoltzfus provides an opportunity for concealed handgun licensee to avoid charges for carrying a concealed deadly weapon into a prohibited place. The person must leave upon request and must not return within 30 days to the same premises while knowingly in possession of a deadly weapon.

[House Bill 459](#) (Sex-Offender Employment Restrictions) sponsored by Reps. Cutrona and LaRe prohibits sex-offenders and child-victim offenders who are in a restricted offender category from serving as an employer, employee, independent contractor, or in a position as a volunteer in a capacity affording extensive contact with minor children – defined as contact that is more than incidental and occasional that occurs directly and in an unaccompanied setting or where the offender would have supervision or disciplinary power over minor children.