



Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association

Legislative Newsletter – 134th General Assembly

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IN THE NEWS

[Death penalty's future should go to the polls](#)

[Alleged Armed Threats to Kill in Hamilton County Often Result in Low Bonds and Dismissed Cases](#)

['We're a Victim Again.': Family Protests Lowered Bail for Sons Alleged Murderer](#)

[Should Ohio Teachers Go Armed into Classrooms Per House Bill 99?](#)

[Ohio Lawmakers Answer the Call to Ban Spoof Robocalls](#)

OPAA NEWS

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

Introduced

[House Bill 488](#) (Guardianship Law) sponsored by Reps. Grendell and Galonski updates Ohio guardianship law. The bill also contains provisions to authorize a court of common pleas to employ legal counsel, at its choosing and without competitive bidding, to represent it in any matter of public business coming before the court or in the prosecution or defense of any action or proceeding in which the court's judge or official is a party or has an interest in their official capacity.

Passed by House

[House Bill 227](#) (Regarding Concealed Weapons) sponsored by Reps. Brinkman and Jordan authorizes a person who is 21 or older and not prohibited by Ohio or federal law from possessing a firearm to carry a firearm concealed without a license. Replace the duty of a person who is carrying a handgun to promptly notify law enforcement when stopped for a law enforcement purpose with a duty to notify before or at the time a law enforcement officer asks if the person is carrying a concealed handgun.

[House Bill 99](#) (Armed Persons Within School Safety Zone) sponsored by Rep. Hall exempts persons who are authorized by a school board to go armed within a school safety zone from the requirement to undergo peace officer basic training and requires a school board that authorizes a person or persons to go armed to provide public notice of that authorization.

[Senate Bill 54](#) (Telecommunications Fraud/Spoofing) sponsored by Rep. Gavarone prohibits a person, with intent to defraud, cause harm, or wrongfully obtain anything of value, from knowingly causing, directly or indirectly, any caller identification service to transmit or display misleading or inaccurate caller identification information. Authorizes the Attorney General to initiate a criminal proceeding if evidence is first presented in writing to the prosecuting attorney of the county within which the action may be brought and the prosecutor does not present the case to the grand jury within 45 days.

[Senate Bill 58](#) (Esther's Law) sponsored by Sens. Antonio and Brenner permits a long-term care facility resident or the resident's guardian or attorney to authorize the installation and use of an electronic monitoring device in the resident's room if certain conditions are met.