



Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association

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Join the OPAA for a webinar on evidentiary issues for trial prosecutors – October 22 from 12 - 1

Introduced

[Senate Bill 205](#) (Animal Cruelty) sponsored by Sens. Hottinger and O'Brien increases penalties for certain types of companion animal abuse. Under the bill, needlessly causing serious physical injury to or needlessly killing a companion animal is an F3, organizing, promoting, aiding, or abetting such an act is an F4, and recklessly depriving a companion animal of necessary sustenance is an M1 on a first offense and an F5 on a subsequent offense.

[House Bill 354](#) (Weapons Disability Data Portal) sponsored by Reps. Plummer and Swearingen increases the age to expunge juvenile records from 23 to 28, requires entry of protection order information and other information related to mental health to be entered into a weapons disability data portal, expands the circumstances that lead to a weapons disability, and expands the definition of mental illness for the purpose of involuntary mental health treatment to include substance abuse disorders.

[House Bill 366](#) (Criminal Child Enticement) sponsored by Reps. Miranda and Plummer amends the child enticement statute to prohibit a person from knowingly "and for an unlawful purpose" soliciting, coaxing, enticing, or luring a child under 14 to accompany the person in any manner.

[House Bill 362](#) (Masked Intimidation) sponsored by Reps. Plummer and Lang prohibits a person from wearing a mask or disguise in order to purposely obstruct the execution of the law, intimidate, hinder, or interrupt a person in the performance of the person's legal duty, or prevent a person from exercising the rights granted to them by the constitution or the laws of this state.

Governor Announces STRONG Ohio in Response to Dayton Shooting

On October 7, the Governor unveiled [legislation](#) in response to the mass shooting in Dayton. The legislation will expand Ohio's involuntary civil commitment law, mandates that law enforcement agencies and courts enter certain protection orders and arrest warrants for serious crimes into appropriate databases, creates a private sale background check process, and increases certain penalties. A bill is due to be introduced.

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