



Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association

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OPAA NEWS

The OPAA Juvenile Prosecutor Training is October 14 at the Sheraton Capitol Square in Columbus

Rules of Practice and Procedure

The Supreme Court of Ohio released proposed changes to the [Rules of Practice and Procedure](#) on September 20 and will accept public comments on them until November 4. Proposed changes include a variety of changes based on the recommendations of the Court's iCourt Task Force that focused on making the use of technology in courts more prevalent (see also the proposed changes to the [Rules of Superintendence](#)). In addition, there are proposed changes to Crim. R. 3 and Traf. R. 2 on transferring OVI charges, Crim. R. 4 on e-citations in misdemeanor cases, Crim. R. 29 and 33 on motions for new trial, Crim. R. 12.2 on notice of self-defense, Evid. R. 404 on prior bad acts, Evid. R. 502 on waiver of privilege, Evid. R. 606 on testimony of jurors, Evid. R. 801 on the definition of hearsay, Evid. R. 803 on statements in ancient documents, and Juv. R. 7 and 34 on SYO dispositional hearings.

Introduced

[House Bill 427](#) (Compelling Prostitution – Controlled Substances) sponsored by Reps. White and Manchester amends R.C. 2905.32 and R.C. 2907.21 to provide that the element “compelled” is established if the state proves that the victim’s will was overcome by a controlled substance or manipulation of a controlled substance.

[House Bill 437](#) (Postal Package Theft) sponsored by Rep. Crossman prohibits knowingly trespassing on the land, premises, or curtilage of another with the purpose to remove a postal package to deprive the owner of the postal package without permission. A violation of the section would be an F5.

Signed By Governor

[House Bill 92](#) (Child Abuse – Armed Forces) sponsored by Reps. Abrams and Loychik was signed by the Governor on September 29. The Act requires a public children services agency to determine as soon as practicable if the parent, guardian, or custodian of a child who is subject to an investigation is in the armed forces and to notify the appropriate authority of that armed force that an investigation is being made. The Act also contains changes regarding the Ohio Redistricting Commission and the Commission’s responsibilities for congressional redistricting. Because of the changes to the Redistricting Commission’s responsibilities, the Act was made an emergency measure and became *effective immediately*.