

OVWA Legislative Updates

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- HB 610** **Changes to Rights of Crime Victims**; currently in the House.
Primary Sponsors: Robert R. Cupp
Synopsis: To amend and repeal various sections of the Ohio Revised Code to make changes relative to the rights of crime victims.
Current Status: 05/19/20—House Criminal Justice Committee, Second Hearing
 05/05/20—Referred to House Committee: Criminal Justice
Recent Status: 04/16/20—Introduced in the House
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-status?id=GA133-HB-610>
- HB 3** **Aisha’s Law—Domestic Violence**; passed by House, currently in the Senate.
Primary Sponsors: Janine R. Boyd, Sara P. Carruthers
Synopsis: To add domestic violence circumstances to the offenses of aggravated murder and endangering children, to establish local domestic violence high risk teams, and to require law enforcement officers to utilize a qualified lethality assessment screening tool to refer high risk victims to a local team.
Current Status: 06/10/20—Referred to Senate Committee: Judiciary
 05/26/20—Introduced in the Senate
 05/20/20—Passed by the House
Recent Status: 05/16/19—Introduced in the House
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-3>
- HB 128** **Soliciting Penalty**; currently in the House.
Primary Sponsors: J. Kyle Koehler, Adam C. Miller
Synopsis: To modify the penalties for certain soliciting offenses and to specify that an imposed fine may be deposited into the Victims of Human Trafficking Fund.
Current Status: 04/11/2019—House Criminal Justice Committee, First Hearing
 03/19/19—Referred to House Committee: Criminal Justice
Recent Status: 03/12/19—Introduced in the House
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-128>
- HB 232** **Importuning Offense**; currently in the House.
Primary Sponsors: Tim Schaffer, Kent Smith

Synopsis: To amend the penalties for the offense of importuning.
Current Status: 10/31/2019—House Criminal Justice Committee, First Hearing
6/30/19—Referred to House Committee: Criminal Justice
Recent Status: 05/02/19—Introduced in the House
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-232>

HB 279 **Statute of Limitations—Rape;** currently in the House.

Primary Sponsors: Kristin Boggs, Tavia Galonski
Synopsis: To eliminate the spousal exceptions for certain sex offenses, to permit a person to testify against the person's spouse in a prosecution for any of those offenses, to eliminate the period of limitation for the criminal prosecution of a person for rape and for a civil action brought by a victim of conduct that would constitute rape, and to amend the versions of sections 2907.02 and 2907.05 of the Revised Code that are scheduled to take effect March 22, 2020, to continue the provisions of this act on and after that effective date.
Current Status: 06/18/19—Referred to House Committee: Criminal Justice
Recent Status: 06/11/19—Introduced in the House
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-279>

HB 298 **Statute of Limitations—Child Abuse;** currently in the House.

Primary Sponsors: Bernadine Kennedy Kent
Synopsis: To modify the period of limitation for prosecution of offenses involving child abuse and neglect.
Current Status: 06/25/19—Referred to House Committee: Criminal Justice
Recent Status: 06/20/19—Introduced in the House
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-298>

HB 302 **Include Child Abuse in Violent Offender Database;** currently in the House.

Primary Sponsors: Rick Perales
Synopsis: To include certain child abuse-related offenses in the violent offender database, to name the act Jacob's Law, and to make an appropriation.
Current Status: 02/13/20—House Criminal Justice Committee, Third Hearing
06/30/19—Referred to House Committee: Criminal Justice
Recent Status: 06/26/19—Introduced in the House

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-302>

HB 335

Protection Order—Firearm Surrender; currently in the House.

Primary Sponsors: Michele Lepore-Hagan, Janine R. Boyd

Synopsis: To require a person who is subject to a civil or criminal domestic violence temporary protection order to surrender the person's firearms.

Current Status: 09/24/19—Referred to House Committee: Criminal Justice

Recent Status: 09/17/19—Introduced in the House

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-335>

HB 337

Child Advocates—Communication; currently in the House.

Primary Sponsors: Dick Stein, Tavia Galonski

Synopsis: To provide generally a privilege for communications between a qualified advocate rendering advocacy services and a victim of certain crimes, to exempt the nondisclosure of that privileged communication from the offense of failure to report a crime, and to generally require a qualified advocate to report child abuse or neglect of the victim.

Current Status: 02/20/20—House Criminal Justice Committee, First Hearing

09/24/19—Referred to House Committee: Criminal Justice

Recent Status: 09/17/19—Introduced in the House

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-337>

HB 348

Firearm Sales—Protection Order; currently in the House.

Primary Sponsors: Adam C. Miller

Synopsis: To prohibit a person subject to a protection order from purchasing or receiving a firearm for the duration of the order.

Current Status: 10/02/19—Referred to House Committee: Civil Justice

Recent Status: 09/23/19—Introduced in the House

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-348>

HB 349

Large Capacity Magazines; currently in the House.

Primary Sponsors: Casey Weinstein

Synopsis: To generally prohibit a person from possessing a large capacity magazine and to establish a large capacity magazine registry.

Current Status: 10/02/19—Referred to House Committee: Criminal Justice
Recent Status: 09/24/19—Introduced in the House
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-349>

HB 354 **Weapons Disability Data Portal;** currently in the House.

Primary Sponsors: Phil Plummer, D.J. Swearingen
Synopsis: To require the juvenile court to expunge all records sealed pursuant to the juvenile sealing law upon the person's twenty-eighth birthday, to expand the circumstances under which a person has a weapon under disability, to specify that moderate or severe substance use disorder is a mental illness for purposes of the law governing civil commitments, to require the Director of Public Safety to create and maintain the weapons disability data portal, to impose certain consequences on specified entities that fail to comply with data submission requirements, and to make an appropriation.
Current Status: 10/16/19—House Finance Committee, Fifth Hearing
10/02/19—Referred to House Committee: Finance
Recent Status: 10/01/19—Introduced in the House
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-status?id=GA133-HB-354>

HB 381 **Stand Your Ground;** currently in the House.

Primary Sponsors: Candice R. Keller, Ron Hood
Synopsis: To enact the Ohio Stand Your Ground Act to modify the law regarding self-defense.
Current Status: 06/10/20—House Criminal Justice Committee, Fourth Hearing
11/12/19—Referred to House Committee: Criminal Justice
Recent Status: 10/23/19—Introduced in the House
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-381>

HB 415 **Prohibition of Prostitution Proceeds;** currently in the House.

Primary Sponsors: Jenna Powell
Synopsis: To prohibit a person from receiving proceeds of prostitution.
Current Status: 02/13/20—House Criminal Justice Committee, Second Hearing
11/18/19—Referred to House Committee: Criminal Justice
Recent Status: 11/14/19—Introduced in the House

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-415>

- HB 431** **Sexual Exploitation Database;** passed the House; currently in the Senate.
- Primary Sponsors:* Cindy Abrams, Rick Carfagna
- Synopsis:* To create the Sexual Exploitation Database and to make an appropriation.
- Current Status:* 06/30/20—Referred to Senate Committee: Judiciary
06/02/20—Introduced in the Senate
05/28/20—Passed the House
- Recent Status:* 11/26/19—Introduced in the House
- State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-431>
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- HB 470** **Criminal Period of Limitations—Childhood Sexual Abuse;** currently in the House.
- Primary Sponsors:* John M. Rogers
- Synopsis:* To eliminate the period of limitations for the criminal prosecution of a person for rape and to extend the period of limitations for a civil action by a victim of childhood sexual abuse.
- Current Status:* 01/28/20—Referred to House Committee: Criminal Justice
- Recent Status:* 01/14/20—Introduced in the House
- State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-committee-documents?id=GA133-HB-470>
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- HB 471** **Civil Period of Limitations—Childhood Sexual Abuse;** currently in the House.
- Primary Sponsors:* John M. Rogers
- Synopsis:* To extend the period of limitations for a civil action by a victim of childhood sexual abuse.
- Current Status:* 01/28/20—Referred to House Committee: Criminal Justice
- Recent Status:* 01/14/20—Introduced in the House
- State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-status?id=GA133-HB-471>
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- HB 472** **Criminal Period of Limitations—Rape;** currently in the House.
- Primary Sponsors:* John M. Rogers
- Synopsis:* To eliminate the period of limitations for the criminal prosecution of a person for rape.
- Current Status:* 01/28/20—Referred to House Committee: Criminal Justice

Recent Status: 01/14/20—Introduced in the House
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-472>

HB 513 **Vulnerable Child Protection Act;** currently in the House.

Primary Sponsors: Ron Hood, Bill Dean

Synopsis: To enact the "Vulnerable Child Protection Act" regarding sexuality and identity counseling and prohibiting certain procedures and activities intended to change, reinforce, or affirm a minor's perception of his or her own sexual attraction, sexual behaviors, or identity.

Current Status: 03/10/20—Referred to House Committee: Health

Recent Status: 02/19/20—Introduced in the House

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-513>

HB 518 **Tort Actions—Rape Victims;** currently in the House.

Primary Sponsors: Kristin Boggs, Allison Russo

Synopsis: To remove the cap on damages for noneconomic loss when a victim of rape or assault brings a tort action.

Current Status: 03/10/20—Referred to House Committee: Civil Justice

Recent Status: 02/19/20—Introduced in the House

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-518>

HR 39 **Day Designation—Human Trafficking Awareness;** adopted by the House.

Primary Sponsors: Tavia Galonski

Synopsis: Recognizing January 11, 2019 as National Human Trafficking Awareness Day.

Current Status: 02/28/19—Adopted by the House.

Recent Status: 02/28/19—Introduced in the House

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HR-39>

HR 226 **Domestic Violence Awareness Month;** adopted by the House.

Primary Sponsors: Laura Lanese

Synopsis: Recognizing Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Ohio, October 2019.

Current Status: 09/24/19—Adopted by the House.

Recent Status: 09/24/19—Introduced in the House
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HR-226>

- SB 5** **Promoting Prostitution Penalties;** effective law.
Primary Sponsors: Stephanie Kunze, Matt Dolan
Synopsis: To amend the penalties for promoting prostitution.
Current Status: 12/12/19—Signed by Governor
10/23/19—Passed by the House
03/06/19—Passed by Senate
Recent Status: 02/12/19—Introduced in the Senate
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-status?id=GA133-SB-5>
- SB 13** **Human Trafficking—Juveniles;** passed by the Senate; currently in the House.
Primary Sponsors: Teresa Fedor
Synopsis: To require a juvenile court to hold a delinquency complaint in abeyance in certain cases related to prostitution or human trafficking and to provide that the same elements for the offense of trafficking in persons that apply to a victim under the age of sixteen also apply to a victim who is age sixteen or seventeen.
Current Status: 02/13/20—House Criminal Justice Committee, Second Hearing
09/24/19—Referred to House Committee: Criminal Justice
09/23/19—Introduced in the House
07/17/19—Passed by Senate
Recent Status: 02/12/19—Introduced in the Senate
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-committee-documents?id=GA133-SB-13>
- SB 17** **Prohibit Sexual Assault Victim Identification;** currently in the Senate.
Primary Sponsors: Kenny Yuko, Nickie Antonio
Synopsis: To prohibit law enforcement agencies from including identifying information of sexual assault victims in police reports posted online.
Current Status: 07/17/19—Senate Judiciary Committee, Second Hearing
02/13/19—Referred to Senate Committee: Judiciary
Recent Status: 02/12/19—Introduced in the Senate
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-17>

- SB 19** **Extreme Risk Protection Order**; currently in the Senate.
Primary Sponsors: Sandra R. Williams
Synopsis: To enact the Extreme Risk Protection Order Act to allow family members, household members, and law enforcement officers to obtain a court order that temporarily restricts a person's access to firearms if that person poses a danger to themselves or others.
Current Status: 09/10/19—Senate Government Oversight and Reform Committee, First Hearing
 02/19/19—Referred to Senate Committee: Government Oversight and Reform
Recent Status: 02/12/19—Introduced in the Senate
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-19>
- SB 28** **Protection Order Violation Penalties**; passed by the Senate; currently in the House.
Primary Sponsors: Jay Hottinger
Synopsis: To increase the penalty that applies to the offense of violating a protection order under certain circumstances.
Current Status: 01/30/20—House Criminal Justice Committee, Second Hearing
 09/24/19—Referred to House Committee: Criminal Justice
 09/23/19—Introduced in the House
 09/18/19—Passed by the Senate
Recent Status: 02/12/19—Introduced in the Senate
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-28>
- SB 43** **Domestic Violence—Firearms Restrictions, Strangulation**; currently in the Senate.
Primary Sponsors: Stephanie Kunze, Nickie Antonio
Synopsis: To address domestic violence by means of firearms restrictions, penalty enhancements, and a prohibition against strangulation, and to make an appropriation.
Current Status: 04/02/19—Senate Government Oversight and Reform Committee, First Hearing
 02/20/19—Referred to Senate Committee: Government Oversight and Reform
Recent Status: 02/12/19—Introduced in the Senate
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-43>
- SB 105** **Massage Therapy Licensing**; currently in the Senate.

Primary Sponsors: Andrew O. Brenner
Synopsis: To make changes to the massage therapy licensing law.
Current Status: 09/18/19—Senate Health, Human Services and Medicaid Committee, Second Hearing
03/21/19—Referred to Senate Committee: Health, Human Services and Medicaid
Recent Status: 03/13/19—Introduced in the Senate
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-105>

SB 146 **Domestic Violence—Choking;** currently in the Senate.
Primary Sponsors: Stephanie Kunze, Nickie Antonio
Synopsis: To expand the offense of domestic violence to also prohibit a person from knowingly impeding the normal breathing or circulation of the blood of a family or household member by applying pressure to the family or household member's throat or neck or blocking the family or household member's nose or mouth.
Current Status: 10/02/19—Senate Judiciary Committee, Third Hearing
05/14/19—Referred to Senate Committee: Judiciary
Recent Status: 05/18/19—Introduced in the Senate
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-146>

SB 162 **Eliminate Period of Limitation—Rape;** currently in the Senate.
Primary Sponsors: Nickie Antonio, Sean O'Brien
Synopsis: To eliminate the spousal exceptions for certain sex offenses, to permit a person to testify against the person's spouse in a prosecution for any of those offenses, to eliminate the period of limitation for the criminal prosecution of a person for rape and for a civil action brought by a victim of conduct that would constitute rape.
Current Status: 02/19/20—Senate Judiciary Committee, Second Hearing
09/11/19—Referred to Senate Committee: Judiciary
Recent Status: 06/10/19—Introduced in the Senate
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-committee-documents?id=GA133-SB-162>

SB 184 **Extreme Risk Protection Order;** currently in the Senate.
Primary Sponsors: Sandra R. Williams, Peggy Lehner

Synopsis: To enact the Extreme Risk Protection Order Act to allow family members, household members, and law enforcement officers to obtain a court order that temporarily restricts a person's access to firearms if that person poses a danger to themselves or others.

Current Status: 09/17/19—Senate Government Oversight and Reform, First Hearing
09/11/19—Referred to Senate Committee: Government Oversight and Reform

Recent Status: 08/19/19—Introduced in the Senate

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-184>

SB 196 **Testimonial Privilege—Sex Crimes;** currently in the Senate.

Primary Sponsors: John Eklund

Synopsis: To provide generally a testimonial privilege for communications between a qualified advocate rendering advocacy services and a victim of domestic violence, human trafficking, menacing by stalking, or sexual violence, to exempt the nondisclosure of that privileged communication from the offense of failure to report a crime, to require a qualified advocate to report knowledge or reasonable suspicion of child abuse or neglect of the victim except for privileged communications, and to specify circumstances in which the victim is considered to have waived the privilege.

Current Status: 11/06/19—Senate Judiciary Committee, Second Hearing
10/02/19—Referred to Senate Committee: Judiciary

Recent Status: 09/16/19—Introduced in the Senate

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-committee-documents?id=GA133-SB-196>

SB 221 **Firearms Regulations;** currently in the Senate.

Primary Sponsors: Matt Dolan

Synopsis: To provide for the issuance in specified circumstances of a Safety Protection Order to apply regarding a person who a court determines is under a drug dependency, chronic alcoholic, or mental health-related firearms disability; to specify LEADS and NCIC reporting and removal procedures for current types of protection orders; to require the submission to the Attorney General for inclusion in LEADS of findings of IST or NGRI; to modify some of the prohibitions under the offense of "unlawful transactions in weapons" and add new prohibitions and exemptions under the offense, including a new exemption if a state background check mechanism the bill enacts is used and

does not indicate that the prospective transferee is barred from firearms possession; to provide in specified circumstances for the issuance of a seller's protection certificate under the new state background check mechanism; to increase the penalty for certain firearms-related offenses in specified circumstances; to modify the law governing the entry of arrest warrants into LEADS as extradition warrants; to expand the law regarding the provision of drug and alcohol test results to law enforcement personnel; and to provide a new exception to the testimonial privilege for specified medical and dental personnel regarding certain probate court proceedings.

Current Status: 12/03/19—Senate Government Oversight and Reform, Third Hearing

10/23/19—Referred to Senate Committee: Government Oversight and Reform

Recent Status: 10/15/19—Introduced in the Senate

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-221>

SB 225 **Child Abuse Reporting;** currently in the Senate.

Primary Sponsors: Peggy Lehner

Synopsis: To require public schools to post signs with a child abuse reporting telephone number.

Current Status: 01/21/20—Senate Government Oversight and Reform Committee, First Hearing

10/23/19—Referred to Senate Committee: Government Oversight and Reform

Recent Status: 10/16/19—Introduced in the Senate

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-225>

SB 247 **Prohibit Prostitution;** currently in the Senate.

Primary Sponsors: Tim Schaffer, Teresa Fedor

Synopsis: To prohibit a person from engaging in prostitution and receiving proceeds of prostitution, to modify certain soliciting offenses and penalties, to create the Sexual Exploitation Public Database, and to make an appropriation.

Current Status: 02/19/20—Senate Judiciary Committee, Second Hearing

12/11/19—Referred to Senate Committee: Judiciary

Recent Status: 11/26/19—Introduced in the Senate

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-247>

- SB 265** **Domestic Violence Penalty**; currently in the Senate.
- Primary Sponsors:* Stephanie Kunze
- Synopsis:* To increase the penalty for the offense of domestic violence when the victim is a functionally impaired person.
- Current Status:* 02/12/20—Senate Judiciary Committee, First Hearing
02/05/20—Referred to Senate Committee: Judiciary
- Recent Status:* 01/28/20—Introduced in the Senate
- State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-committee-documents?id=GA133-SB-265>
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- SR 373** **Domestic Violence Awareness Month**; adopted by Senate.
- Primary Sponsors:* Bob D. Hackett
- Synopsis:* Recognizing October 2019 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Ohio.
- Current Status:* 09/24/19—Adopted by Senate
- Recent Status:* 09/24/19—Introduced in the Senate
- State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SR-373>