

## 2022 State Conference

### Legislative Report

The 134th General Assembly will be wrapping up its two-year term on December 31<sup>st</sup>. The State FOP Legislative Committee continues to work on several pieces of legislation. The committee anticipates a very challenging *Lame Duck* – the period after the general election and the conclusion of the two-year term. Typically, due to term limits, a third of the legislators in each body will not be returning. This *Lame Duck* adds the wrinkle of redrawn districts which may mean even more legislators not returning to the Statehouse. This turnover can potentially create terrible outcomes on legislation still pending.

The bill on restraining pregnant females amended into House Bill (HB) 1 at the end of last year has become law. Also enacted was Senate Bill (SB) 4, which changed the public records law to include emergency service telecommunicators as individuals whose residential and familial information is exempt from disclosure. Governor DeWine recently signed two bills opposed by the FOP, SB 215 and HB 99. SB 215 allows anyone over 21, not prohibited by federal or state law, to carry a concealed weapon without obtaining a license. The Legislative Committee pushed back hard against the bill as it also eliminated the notification requirement for a person having a concealed weapon to notify officers that they are armed. HB 99 allows school boards to arm employees with as little as four hours of training.

The FOP continues to be involved in three bills that will protect officers during riots and while making arrests. SB 16, HB 22, and HB 109 enhance penalties for the assault and harassment of officers and their families and for interfering in law enforcement duties. HB 22 and HB 109 have passed the House and have had hearings in the Senate Judiciary Committee. SB 16 has passed the Senate and has had several hearings before the House Criminal Justice Committee. A draft police licensing bill was also created following the riots. There has not been any movement on the proposal as the chiefs of police and attorney general have pulled their support, commenting that the FOP incorporated changes went too far. The FOP fought to have due process and civil liberties for officers in the proposed bill.

President Wolske testified before the House Insurance Committee on HB 512. The bill will increase the employer's contribution to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund. Legislative Committee Chair Jay McDonald testified in opposition to SB 261, which would shift oversight of the State's medical marijuana program from the pharmacy board to the Department of Commerce. If marijuana is a medicine, it should be treated as a medicine. The Legislative Committee has been gearing up to give opposition testimony to SB 288. SB 288 makes significant and wholly unnecessary changes to Ohio's criminal justice system and laws; it was changed to remove substantial portions but remains troublesome. Several bills and resolutions dealing with bail are making their way through the Statehouse. In January, the Ohio Supreme Court ruled that public safety could not be a factor in setting bail. Senate Joint Resolution 5, House Joint Resolution 2, and HB 607 were introduced and had multiple hearings. The resolutions passed both bodies and will appear on the ballot in November to change the Ohio Constitution to make public safety a

factor in setting bail. HB 607 would put that same language in the Ohio Revised Code. However, these measures have faced stiff opposition from groups backing HB 315 and SB 182. Those bills eliminate cash bail on scores of offenses and create an onerous bail appeal process.

**HB 3** Domestic Violence (Boyd, J., Carruthers, S.)

To make changes to civil and criminal law regarding domestic violence, to address State Highway Patrol arrest authority, to name the act Aisha's Law, and to make an appropriation.  
Committee Hearing in Senate Judiciary (12/7/2021; CONTINUED)

Position: Monitor

**HB 4** (Enacted) Child Abuse Reporting (Plummer, P., Manchester, S.)

Regards county child abuse and neglect memorandums of understanding, cross-reporting of child abuse and neglect reports by public children services agencies to law enforcement agencies, notification of reporter rights, home assessor eligibility, and creation of the youth and family ombudsman office.

Signed by the Governor (2/28/2022; Signed: February 28th, 2022, Effective: May 28th, 2022)

Position: Monitor

**HB 11** Officer Database (Sheehy, M., Hicks-Hudson, P.)

To require the Attorney General to create a law enforcement officer database for hiring eligibility.

Committee Hearing in House State & Local Government (3/22/2022; CONTINUED)

Position: Monitor

**HB 14** Retirement Systems (Grendell, D.)

Regarding state retirement system fiduciary duties, Public Employees Retirement System management fees and employee pay, and creating the Committee on Pension Salaries and Fees.  
Introduced and Referred in House (2/4/2021; Financial Institutions)

Position: Monitor

**HB 19** Road Naming (Sobecki, L., Sheehy, M.)

To designate a portion of State Route 184 in Lucas County as the "Officer Anthony Dia Memorial Highway."

Committee Hearing in House Transportation & Public Safety (3/2/2021; REPORTED)

Position: Proponent

**HB 22** Obstructing Justice (LaRe, J., Wilkin, S.)

To expand the offense of obstructing justice to include failure to follow a lawful order from a law enforcement officer or diverting a law enforcement officer's attention.

Referred in Senate (9/8/2021; Judiciary)

Position: Proponent

Comment: Mike Weinman gave proponent testimony.

**HB 23** EMS Personnel (Plummer, P., West, T.)

To require emergency medical service personnel and peace officers to undergo dementia-related training.

Committee Hearing in Senate Veterans & Public Safety (10/19/2021; SCHEDULED BUT NOT HEARD)

Position: Monitor

**HB 26** Road Naming (Richardson, T.)

To designate a portion of State Route 309 in Marion County as the "Deputy Sheriff Bill Bender and Trooper Randy Bender Memorial Highway."

Committee Hearing in House Transportation & Public Safety (3/9/2021; REPORTED)

Position: Support

**HB 30** (Enacted) Slow-Moving Vehicles (Wiggam, S., Kick, D.)

To clarify the law governing slow-moving vehicles and to revise the lighting and reflective material requirements applicable to animal-drawn vehicles.

Signed by the Governor (6/1/2022; Signed: June 1st, 2022, Effective: in 90 days)

Position: Monitor

**HB 33** Road Naming (Miranda, J., Denson, S.)

To designate a portion of Interstate Route 275 in Hamilton County as the "Officer Kaia L. Grant Memorial Highway."

Committee Hearing in House Transportation & Public Safety (3/2/2021; REPORTED)

Position: Proponent

**HB 38** Duty To Retreat (West, T., Miller, A.)

To limit the locations at which a person has no duty to retreat.

Committee Hearing in House State & Local Government (3/9/2022--Canceled)

Position: Monitor

**HB 70** Bus Safety (Brown, R.)

To make changes to the law governing passing a school bus.

Committee Hearing in House Criminal Justice (5/6/2021; CONTINUED)

Position: Monitor

**HB 74** (Enacted) Transportation Budget (Oelslager, S.)

To make appropriations for programs related to transportation and public safety for the biennium beginning July 1st, 2021, and ending June 30th, 2023, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of those programs.

Signed by the Governor (3/31/2021; Signed: March 31st, 2021, Effective: March 31st, 2021)

Position: Interested Party

Comment: The Lodge signed a letter asking for the restoration of the front license plate to be added to the bill. It was not added. Brother Keith Conner of Lodge 9 testified on behalf of the State Lodge on the distracted driving provisions in the bill. Those changes were ultimately stripped out.

**HB 75** (Enacted) BWC Budget (Oelslager, S.)

To make appropriations for the Bureau of Workers' Compensation for the biennium beginning July 1st, 2021, and ending June 30th, 2023, to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of the Bureau's programs, and to make changes to the Workers' Compensation Law.

Signed by the Governor (6/29/2021; Signed: June 29th, 2021, Effective: June 29th, 2021)

Position: Monitor

**HB 76** (Enacted) IC Budget (Oelslager, S.)

To make appropriations for the Industrial Commission for the biennium beginning July 1st, 2021, and ending June 30th, 2023, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of Commission programs.

Signed by the Governor (6/2/2021)

Position: Monitor

**HB 80** Road Naming (Sobecki, L.)

To designate a portion of State Route 184 in Lucas County as the "Officer Brandon Stalker Memorial Highway."

Committee Hearing in House Transportation & Public Safety (3/2/2021; REPORTED)

Position: Proponent

**HB 89** Concealed Handguns (Wiggam, S.)

To modify the requirement that a concealed handgun licensee must notify a law enforcement officer that the licensee is authorized to carry a concealed handgun and is carrying a concealed handgun when stopped.

Committee Hearing in House State & Local Government (3/9/2021; REPORTED)

Position: Opponent

Comment: Mike Weinman testified in opposition.

**HB 99** (Enacted) Armed School Staff (Hall, T.)

To establish the Ohio School Safety Crisis Center and the Ohio Mobile Training Team to develop a curriculum and provide instruction and training for individuals to convey deadly weapons and dangerous ordnance in a school safety zone, to expressly exempt such individuals from a peace officer basic training requirement, to require public notice if a board of education or school governing body authorizes persons to go armed in a school, and to make an appropriation.

Signed by the Governor (6/13/2022; Signed: June 13th, 2022, Effective: immediately)

Position: Opponent

Comment: Mike Weinman testified in opposition.

**HB 101** Jail Facilities (Stephens, J., Edwards, J.)

To establish new processes for funding the construction, acquisition, improvement, operation, and maintenance of jail facilities.

Committee Hearing in Senate Finance (1/25/2022; CONTINUED)

Position: Monitor

**HB 109** Criminal Penalties (Abrams, C., Carruthers, S.)

To increase penalties for certain assault, vandalism, and riot offenses, to allow peace officers to bring civil suits against persons participating in a riot, and to prohibit bias motivated intimidation of first responders.

Committee Hearing in Senate Judiciary (4/5/2022; CONTINUED)

Position: Proponent

Comment: Mike Weinman testified in support.

**HB 110** (Enacted) State Budget (Oelslager, S.)

To make operating appropriations for the biennium beginning July 1st, 2021, and ending June 30th, 2023, to levy taxes, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs.

Signed by the Governor (6/30/2021; Signed: June 30th, 2021, Effective: July 1st, 2021)

Position: Monitor

**HB 111** Distracted Driving (Lightbody, M.)

To alter the law governing the use of a handheld electronic wireless communications device while driving.

Committee Hearing in House Transportation & Public Safety (5/11/2021; CONTINUED)

Position: Monitor

**HB 121** Spousal Exceptions (Lanese, L., Boggs, K.)

To eliminate the spousal exceptions for the offenses of rape, sexual battery, unlawful sexual

conduct with a minor, gross sexual imPosition:, sexual imPosition:, and importuning and to permit a person to testify against the person's spouse in a prosecution for any of those offenses.  
Committee Hearing in House Criminal Justice (5/26/2021; CONTINUED)

Position: Monitor

**HB 131** Road Naming (Brinkman, T.)

To designate a portion of U.S. Route 50 in Hamilton County as the "Deputy Sheriff Emil Kleinwaechter Memorial Highway."

Committee Hearing in House Transportation & Public Safety (3/9/2021; REPORTED)

Position: Proponent

**HB 134** Officer Training (Crawley, E., West, T.)

To require peace officers to complete training on de-escalation techniques, implicit bias, procedural justice, mental health issues, and first aid and critical injuries, to require information regarding mental health resources and available support be provided to peace officers annually, and to make an appropriation.

Referred in House (2/24/2021; State & Local Government)

Position: Monitor

**HB 157** Municipal Taxes (Jordan, K., Edwards, J.)

To modify municipal income tax employer withholding rules for COVID-19-related work-from-home employees.

Referred in Senate (6/2/2021; Ways & Means)

Position: Monitor

**HB 161** Child Abuse (Lampton, B.)

To include certain child abuse-related offenses in the violent offender database and to name the act Jacob's Law.

Committee Hearing in Senate Judiciary (4/5/2022; CONTINUED)

Position: Monitor

**HB 166** Criminal Sentencing (Boggs, K., Carfagna, R.)

To modify the Criminal Sentencing Law with respect to non-life felony indefinite sentencing, to modify the process for felony appeals as a matter of right, to modify the Corrections Law regarding a Department of Rehabilitation and Correction reentry program for certain offenders, maximum workload and caseload standards for parole and field officers, GPS monitoring of offenders released from prison, and entry into LEADS of specified information about GPS-monitored offenders, and to require the Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission to appoint an Offender Supervision Study Committee.

Committee Hearing in Senate Judiciary (3/29/2022; CONTINUED)

Position: Monitor

**HB 180** Road Naming (Abrams, C.)

To designate a portion of I-71 in Hamilton County as the "Officers Dennis Bennington and Robert Seiffert Memorial Highway."

Committee Hearing in House Transportation & Public Safety (3/16/2021; REPORTED)

Position: Proponent

**HB 183** Death Penalty (Schmidt, J., Miller, A.)

To abolish the death penalty and to modify the number of jurors that may be challenged in cases where a defendant may be sentenced to life imprisonment.

Committee Hearing in House Criminal Justice (3/3/2022; CONTINUED (See separate story))

Position: Monitor

Comment: Mike Weinman testified in opposition to the bill.

**HB 184** (Enacted) OPF Disability (Carfagna, R.)

To revise Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund disability determination procedures.

Signed by the Governor (3/14/2022; Signed: March 14th, 2022, Effective: in 90 days)

Position: Monitor

**HB 206** (Enacted) Traffic Offenses (Ghanbari, H., O'Brien, M.)

To permit a township police officer who serves a population between 5,000 and 50,000 to enforce specified traffic offenses on interstate highways within the township if authorized by that township's board of trustees.

Signed by the Governor (6/24/2022; Signed: June 24th, 2022, Effective: September 21st, 2022)

Position: Proponent

Comment: Mike Weinman testified in support.

**HB 211** State Property Protection (LaRe, J., Plummer, P.)

To provide in specified circumstances for the Attorney General's prosecution of criminal activity committed at, or on, certain specified state facilities, buildings, premises, or property and to name the act the State Property Protection and Prosecution Act.

Referred in House (3/17/2021; Criminal Justice)

Position: Monitor

**HB 227** Concealed Weapons (Brinkman, T., Jordan, K.)

To rename a concealed handgun license as a concealed weapons license, to allow a concealed weapons licensee to carry concealed all deadly weapons not otherwise prohibited by law, to expand state preemption of firearms regulation to include all deadly weapons, to repeal a notice requirement for licensees stopped for law enforcement purposes, to authorize expungement of

related convictions, and to allow a person age 21 or older to carry a concealed deadly weapon without a license.

Referred in Senate (11/30/2021; Veterans & Public Safety)

Position: Opponent

Comment: Mike Weinman testified in opposition.

**HB 236** Prescription Drugs (Fraizer, M., Lipps, S.)

To regulate the processing, sale, and distribution of kratom.

Committee Hearing in Senate Health (3/23/2022; CONTINUED)

Position: Monitor

**HB 246** Highway Designation (Dean, B.)

To designate a portion of State Route 123 in Warren County as the "Officer Ciera N. Greene Memorial Highway."

Committee Hearing in House Transportation & Public Safety (4/20/2021; REPORTED)

Position: Proponent

**HB 250** Highway Designation (Bird, A.)

To designate a portion of State Route 32 in Clermont County as the "Deputy Bill Brewer Memorial Highway."

Committee Hearing in House Transportation & Public Safety (4/20/2021; REPORTED)

Position: Monitor

**HB 266** Rape (Galonski, T., Miranda, J.)

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, to extend the period of limitations for a civil action by a victim of childhood sexual abuse other than rape, and to eliminate the spousal exception for the offense of rape.

Referred in House (4/22/2021; Criminal Justice)

Position: Monitor

**HB 276** Prostitution (Powell, J., Schmidt, J.)

To prohibit a person from receiving proceeds of prostitution.

Referred in Senate (4/6/2022; Judiciary)

Position: Monitor

**HB 278** MARCS (Hillyer, B.)

To make changes to laws governing the multi-agency radio communications system (MARCS).

Referred in House (5/4/2021; Finance)



Position: Monitor

**HB 280** MARCS (Cross, J., Plummer, P.)

To alter the law governing user fees for the Multi-Agency Radio Communications System.  
Referred in House (5/4/2021; Finance)

Position: Monitor

**HB 283** Distracted Driving (Abrams, C., Lampton, B.)

To expand the texting while driving prohibition to a general prohibition against using an electronic wireless communications device while driving, with certain exceptions, and to create data collection requirements based on associated violations of the distracted driving laws.  
Committee Hearing in House Criminal Justice (3/3/2022; CONTINUED-AMENDED)

Position: Support

**HB 287** Law Enforcement (Lepore-Hagan, M., Galonski, T.)

To create the offense of strangulation by a law enforcement officer.  
Referred in House (5/11/2021; Criminal Justice)

Position: Monitor

**HB 293** Law Enforcement (Boggs, K., Galonski, T.)

To prohibit the use of tear gas by peace officers.  
Referred in House (5/11/2021; Criminal Justice)

Position: Monitor

**HB 307** Law Enforcement Quotas (West, T., Leland, D.)

To prohibit law enforcement agencies from using quotas for arrests and citations.  
Referred in House (5/18/2021; Criminal Justice)

Position: Proponent

**HB 315** Bail (Leland, D., Hillyer, B.)

To make changes regarding bail.  
Committee Hearing in House Criminal Justice (5/25/2022; CONTINUED-AMENDED)

Position: Opponent

**HB 325** Emergency Powers (Wiggam, S.)

Regards a political subdivision's emergency powers when suppressing a riot, mob, or potential riot or mob and the preservation of rights regarding firearms during an emergency.  
Referred in Senate (3/2/2022; Veterans & Public Safety)

Position: Opponent

**HB 331** Law Enforcement (Smith, K., Blackshear, W.)

To require certain law enforcement officers to wear a clearly visible badge and identification on their person while on duty.

Committee Hearing in House State & Local Government (3/30/2022; CONTINUED)

Position: Monitor

**HB 332** Law Enforcement (West, T., Denson, S.)

To provide that qualified immunity does not apply in civil actions against peace officers employed by a political subdivision who, under color of law, subject any individual to a deprivation of rights and to provide for indemnification by the political subdivision of a peace officer against whom judgment is found.

Referred in House (6/10/2021; Civil Justice)

Position: Monitor

**HB 337** First Responders Bonus (Riedel, C., Plummer, P.)

To provide a one-time bonus award to eligible first responders and to make an appropriation.

Referred in House (6/10/2021; Finance)

Position: Proponent

**HB 343** Crime Victims (White, A.)

To make changes relative to the rights of crime victims.

Committee Hearing in Senate Judiciary (5/31/2022; CONTINUED)

Position: Monitor

**HB 356** Drugs (Loychik, M., Bird, A.)

Regards a proposal to reduce the abuse of prescription opioids, to establish addiction treatment facilities, to increase penalties for drug trafficking violations, to modify penalties for drug possession, to require an offender convicted of a drug possession or drug trafficking offense involving certain drugs to be subject to ten years of post-release control, to allow a criminal defendant who has a severe substance use disorder involving certain drugs to be confined by a state detoxification provider while awaiting trial, to create restitution work programs, and to make an appropriation.

Committee Hearing in House Criminal Justice (4/6/2022; CONTINUED)

Position: Monitor

**HB 367** Law Enforcement (Jarrells, D.)

Regards the use of body-worn cameras and dashboard cameras by peace officers, the use of excessive force by peace officers, and the public release of body-worn camera or dashboard

camera recordings when there is an allegation of peace officer misconduct.  
Referred in House (9/16/2021; Criminal Justice)

Position: Monitor

**HB 376** Personal Privacy (Carfagna, R., Hall, T.)  
To enact the Ohio Personal Privacy Act.  
Informally Passed in House (2/16/2022)

Position: Monitor

**HB 382** Marijuana (Weinstein, C., Upchurch, T.)  
To allow for the cultivation and possession of marihuana, to modify possession, cultivation, and trafficking penalties, to allow for expungement of certain marihuana convictions, and to levy a tax.  
Referred in House (9/21/2021; Finance)

Position: Monitor

**HB 383** Weapons (Koehler, K.)  
To modify the penalties for the offense of "having weapons while under disability."  
Committee Hearing in House Government Oversight (5/26/2022; CONTINUED-SUBSTITUTE)

Position: Proponent

**HB 390** Sexual Assault (Lanese, L., John, M.)  
To require governmental evidence-retention entities to secure and test sexual assault examination kits in relation to an investigation or prosecution of trafficking in persons.  
Committee Hearing in Senate Judiciary (5/24/2022; CONTINUED-AMENDED)

Position: Monitor

**HB 419** Adult Abuse (Troy, D., Seitz, B.)  
To make failure to make a mandatory report of adult abuse, neglect, or exploitation a fourth-degree misdemeanor.  
Committee Hearing in House Criminal Justice (3/30/2022; CONTINUED)

Position: Monitor

**HB 427** (Enacted) Human Trafficking (White, A., Manchester, S.)  
To prohibit the use of a controlled substance or manipulation of controlled substance addiction as a method of human trafficking or to compel prostitution.  
Signed by the Governor (6/14/2022; Signed: June 14th, 2022, Effective: September 11th, 2022)

Position: Monitor

**HB 444** Highway Designation (Patton, T.)

To change the name of the "Officer David Fahey Memorial Highway."  
Referred in House (10/12/2021; Transportation & Public Safety)

Position: Proponent

**HB 445** 9-1-1 (Carfagna, R., Smith, K.)

To make changes to the law governing 9-1-1 service and to repeal program requirements for emergency-service-telecommunicator training.

Committee Hearing in House Transportation & Public Safety (5/24/2022; CONTINUED-SUBSTITUTE)

Position: Monitor

**HB 455** Concealed Handguns (Stoltzfus, R.)

To provide an opportunity for a concealed handgun licensee or qualified military member to avoid charges for carrying a deadly weapon into a prohibited place if the person leaves upon request and to penalize failure to leave upon request or returning with a firearm.

Committee Hearing in House Government Oversight (2/17/2022; CONTINUED)

Position: Monitor

**HB 472** Political Subdivision (Ingram, C.)

To eliminate certain defenses to political subdivision liability for an employee's negligent operation of a motor vehicle and to reduce damages recoverable against a political subdivision in such actions by the contributory fault of the plaintiff or other parties.

Committee Hearing in House Civil Justice (5/31/2022; CONTINUED)

Position: Opponent

**HB 475** Hospital/Special Police Officer (Fraizer, M., Plummer, P.)

To increase penalties for certain assault offenses if the victim is a hospital police officer or special police officer, to provide a municipal corporation or county with immunity for certain actions of a hospital police officer, and to include gaming agents of the Casino Control Commission as peace officers under the general statutory definition of that term.

Committee Hearing in House Criminal Justice (6/2/2022; CONTINUED)

Position: Proponent

**HB 478** Radio Communication Equipment (Stein, D., Ray, S.)

To provide funding for the acquisition of Multi-Agency Radio Communication System (MARCS) equipment.

Committee Hearing in House Finance (2/15/2022; CONTINUED)

Position: Monitor

**HB 494** School Speed Zone (Creech, R.)

To authorize a municipal corporation, county, and township to establish a school adjacent speed zone on any street or highway within a half mile of certain schools.

Committee Hearing in House Transportation & Public Safety (5/17/2022; CONTINUED-AMENDED)

Position: Monitor

**HB 498** Cannabis (Callender, J., Ferguson, R.)

To enact the Ohio Adult Use Act and to levy a tax.

Referred in House (12/7/2021; Finance)

Position: Opponent

**HB 499** Retirement (Miller, A.)

To allow a Public Employees Retirement System or School Employees Retirement System disability benefit recipient elected to certain offices to continue receiving a disability benefit during the term of office.

Committee Hearing in House Insurance (6/1/2022; CONTINUED-SUBSTITUTE)

Position: Monitor

**HB 500** Juvenile Offenders (Stewart, B., Lampton, B.)

To eliminate mandatory bindovers and reverse bindovers, and modify the law governing a discretionary bindover, of an alleged juvenile offender from a juvenile court to a criminal court.

Committee Hearing in House Criminal Justice (2/15/2022; CONTINUED (See separate story))

Position: Monitor

**HB 501** Township Laws (Hall, T.)

To authorize property taxes for school resource officer services and to make various township law changes.

Passed in House (6/1/2022; 86-2 (Ferguson, Powell))

Position: Monitor

**HB 504** Religious Worship (Carfagna, R., Johnson, M.)

To increase the penalty for "disturbing a lawful meeting" when committed with the intent to disturb or disquiet an assemblage for religious worship or to prevent, disrupt, or interfere with a virtual meeting or gathering for religious worship.

Committee Hearing in Senate Judiciary (5/31/2022; CONTINUED)

Position: Monitor

**HB 505** Concealed Weapons License (Grendell, D., Gross, J.)

To rename a concealed handgun license a concealed weapons license, to allow a concealed weapons licensee to carry a concealed deadly weapon, and to allow a person who is age 21 or older to carry concealed deadly weapons without a license.

Referred in House (12/8/2021; Government Oversight)

Position: Monitor

**HB 511** Parole Board Hearings (Humphrey, L., Stewart, B.)

To require electronic recordings to be made of all parole board hearings, excluding certain personal identifying information, and to make those electronic recordings "public records" under the Public Records Law.

Committee Hearing in House Criminal Justice (6/2/2022; CONTINUED)

Position: Monitor

**HB 512** Police And Fire Pension Fund (Abrams, C., Baldrige, B.)

To increase employer contributions to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund.

Committee Hearing in House Insurance (3/30/2022; CONTINUED)

Position: Proponent

Comment: Gary Wolske testified in support.

**HB 545** Peer Support Services (Abrams, C., Baldrige, B.)

To generally allow for privileged testimonial communications between a peer support team member and an individual receiving peer support services or advice from the team member.

Referred in Senate (5/25/2022; Judiciary)

Position: Monitor

**HB 580** Officer Orders (Miller, K.)

To modify the penalty for the offense of "failure to comply with an order or signal of a police officer" involving the offender's operation of a motor vehicle and expressly provide that a motor vehicle used in the offense is subject to possible seizure and forfeiture.

Committee Hearing in House Criminal Justice (5/19/2022; CONTINUED)

Position: Monitor

**HB 626** Law Enforcement (Patton, T.)

To modify the penalties for the offense of "failure to comply with an order or signal of a police officer" involving the offender's operation of a motor vehicle and expressly provide that a motor vehicle used in the offense is subject to possible seizure and forfeiture.

Committee Hearing in House Criminal Justice (6/2/2022)

Position: Monitor

**HB 634** Law Enforcement Costs (Sobecki, L.)

To prohibit political subdivisions from requiring reimbursement for the cost of law enforcement officers' assisting victims of certain offenses.

Referred in House (5/17/2022; State & Local Government)

Position: Monitor

**HB 672** Tracking Devices (Patton, T., Sykes, E.)

To generally prohibit a person from knowingly installing a tracking device or application on another person's property without the other person's consent.

Committee Hearing in House Criminal Justice (6/2/2022)

Position: Monitor

**HB 674** Liquor Control (Ray, S.)

To increase the penalty for illegally providing alcohol to a minor if the offense proximately causes the death of another.

Committee Hearing in House Criminal Justice (6/2/2022; CONTINUED-AMENDED)

Position: Monitor

**HB 687** (Enacted) Capital Appropriations (Oelslager, S.)

To provide authorization and conditions for the operation of certain state programs, to make capital appropriations for the biennium ending June 30th, 2024, and to make other appropriations.

Signed by the Governor (6/14/2022; Signed: June 14th, 2022, Effective: Immediately)

**HB 689** Childhood Sexual Abuse Registry (Seitz, B.)

To impose a civil penalty, rather than a criminal penalty, on a person who fails to register with the childhood sexual abuse civil registry, to eliminate the residence restriction on such person, and to extend the limitation period for prosecuting a violation of the law requiring certain persons to report child abuse or neglect under certain circumstances.

Referred in House (5/31/2022; Criminal Justice)

Position: Monitor

**HB 696** Highway Designation (Swearingen, D.)

To designate a portion of State Route 269 in Erie County as the "Patrolman Paul L. McManis Memorial Highway."

Introduced in House (6/7/2022)

Position: Monitor

**HB 697** Highway Designation (Swearingen, D.)

To designate a portion of State Route 113 in Erie and Huron Counties as the "Patrolman Leroy S.

Bedell Memorial Highway."  
Introduced in House (6/7/2022)

Position: Support

**HB 699** Crimes And Corrections (Seitz, B., Galonski, T.)

To modify various aspects of the law regarding crimes and corrections, correctional officers and employees, coroner records, inmate internet access, civil protection orders, delinquent child adjudications, youthful offender parole review, OVI and other traffic offenses, and criminal record sealing and expungement.

Introduced in House (6/13/2022)

**SJR 5** Bail (Gavarone, T.)

To eliminate the requirement that the amount and conditions of bail be established pursuant to Section 5(b) of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Ohio, and instead allow the courts to use factors such as public safety, a person's criminal record, the likelihood a person will return to court, and the seriousness of a person's offense.

Referred in House (5/31/2022; Rules & Reference)

Position: Proponent

**SB 4** (Enacted) Public Records (Roegner, K.)

To include emergency service telecommunicators, protective services workers, certain Ohio National Guard members, and certain mental health care providers as individuals whose residential and familial information is exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Law, and to make changes to the Workers' Compensation Law regarding information disclosures. Signed by the Governor (6/8/2021; Signed: June 8th, 2021, Effective: September 5th, 2021)

Position: Proponent

Comment: Mike Weinman submitted a letter in support of the bill.

**SB 16** Civil Actions (Schaffer, T.)

Regarding assault or menacing committed or directed against, and targeting, an emergency service responder, family member, or co-worker, the offense of unlawfully impeding public passage of an emergency service responder, and the inclusion of Casino Control Commission gaming agents as peace officers under the standard definition of that term.

Committee Hearing in House Criminal Justice (6/2/2022)

Position: Proponent

Comment: Mike Weinman testified in support of the bill.

**SB 23** Bus Safety (Gavarone, T.)

To impose a civil penalty when a driver who illegally passes a school bus cannot be identified, to designate the month of August as "School Bus Safety Awareness Month," and to designate this act as the School Bus Safety Act.



Committee Hearing in Senate Veterans & Public Safety (12/7/2021; CONTINUED-SUBSTITUTE)

Position: Monitor

**SB 25** (Enacted) Drug Offenses (Gavarone, T.)

To enhance penalties for certain drug trafficking offenses committed in the vicinity of a substance addiction services provider or a recovering addict, to designate April as "Sexual Assault Prevention Awareness Month," and to name the act's provisions the Relapse Reduction Act.

Signed by the Governor (4/21/2022; Signed: April 21st, 2022, Effective: July 19th, 2022)

Position: Proponent

Comment: Mike Weinman testified in support of the bill.

**SB 34** Arson (Brenner, A.)

To increase penalties for arson offenses and related offenses and to make an appropriation. Committee Hearing in Senate Judiciary (4/20/2021; CONTINUED)

Position: Monitor

**SB 36** (Enacted) Crime Victims (Manning, N., Huffman, S.)

To revise the eligibility standards and procedure for awarding reparations to crime victims. Signed by the Governor (12/1/2021; Signed: December 1st, 2021, Effective: February 28th, 2022)

Position: Monitor

**SB 39** Officer Assault (Schaffer, T.)

To eliminate the 20-year statute of limitation for felonious assault and aggravated assault if the victim is a peace officer, to modify the law regarding records retention schedules developed by counties, municipal corporations, and townships, to modify the penalties for aggravated assault, tampering with evidence, falsification, and falsification in a theft offense, and to name this act Cooper's Law.

Committee Hearing in Senate Judiciary (9/21/2021; CONTINUED (No testimony))

Position: Interested Party

**SB 41** Restitution (Schaffer, T.)

Regarding restitution for vandalism, inciting to violence, aggravated riot, and riot; inclusion of certain vandalism conduct within conspiracy; and reimbursement, by a person convicted of an offense connected to a potential serious threat to public safety, of government costs incurred in a response to the threat

Committee Hearing in Senate Judiciary (3/2/2021; CONTINUED)

Position: Proponent

Comment: Mike Weinman testified in support.

**SB 72** Officer Assault (Williams, S., Thomas, C.)

To prohibit assault by a law enforcement officer.

Committee Hearing in Senate Judiciary (12/7/2021; CONTINUED)

Position: Opponent

**SB 86** Attorney General (Williams, S.)

Regarding the Attorney General's authority relating to deaths caused by peace officers.

Committee Hearing in Senate Judiciary (10/26/2021; CONTINUED)

Position: Monitor

**SB 88** Pedestrians (Brenner, A.)

To alter the law governing yielding to pedestrians in crosswalks.

Committee Hearing in Senate Veterans & Public Safety (3/23/2021; CONTINUED (No testimony))

Position: Monitor

**SB 90** Domestic Violence (Kunze, S., Antonio, N.)

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.

Committee Hearing in Senate Judiciary (2/15/2022; CONTINUED)

Position: Proponent

**SB 97** Municipal Taxes (Roegner, K.)

To modify municipal income tax employer withholding rules for COVID-19-related work-from-home employees

Committee Hearing in Senate Ways & Means (5/12/2021; CONTINUED)

Position: Monitor

**SB 103** Death Penalty (Antonio, N., Huffman, S.)

To abolish the death penalty and to modify the number of jurors that may be challenged in cases where a defendant may be sentenced to life imprisonment.

Committee Hearing in Senate Judiciary (6/16/2021; CONTINUED)

Position:s Opponent

**SB 113** (Vetoed) Fireworks (Rulli, M., Johnson, T.)

To revise the Fireworks Law.

Vetoed (7/9/2021; Vetoed: July 9th, 2021)

Position: Monitor – Veto was overridden

**SB 172** Municipal Corporation (Schaffer, T.)

To require municipal corporations with more than \$100 million in annual income tax collections to provide a tax credit to nonresident taxpayers.

Referred in Senate (5/5/2021; Ways & Means)

Position: Monitor

**SB 176** Sports Gaming (Antani, N., Manning, N.)

To legalize and regulate sports gaming in this State, to levy a tax on businesses that provide sports gaming, and to make other changes to the Gambling Law.

Referred in House (6/22/2021; Finance)

Position: Monitor

**SB 182** Bail (McColley, R., Huffman, S.)

To make changes regarding bail.

Committee Hearing in Senate Judiciary (4/5/2022; CONTINUED (No testimony))

Position: Opponent

**SB 183** Human Trafficking (Fedor, T., Kunze, S.)

To allow a victim of human trafficking to expunge certain criminal records and to name this act the Expanding Human Trafficking Justice Act.

Committee Hearing in Senate Judiciary (12/7/2021; CONTINUED-AMENDED (No testimony))

Position: Monitor

**SB 185** Emergency Powers (Schaffer, T.)

Regards a political subdivision's emergency powers when suppressing a riot, mob, or potential riot or mob and the preservation of rights regarding firearms during an emergency.

Committee Hearing in House Government Oversight (3/10/2022; CONTINUED)

Position: Opponent

**SB 198** Rape (Antonio, N.)

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.

Referred in Senate (6/23/2021; Judiciary)

Position: Monitor

**SB 203** Impaired Driving (Manning, N.)

To change the laws pertaining to operating a vehicle or watercraft while under the influence of marihuana and the admissibility of evidence regarding the testing of a person's whole blood, blood serum or plasma, urine, breath, or other bodily substance for purposes of OVI statutes. Committee Hearing in Senate Veterans & Public Safety (3/15/2022; CONTINUED)

Position: Monitor

**SB 215** (Enacted) Concealed Handguns (Johnson, T.)

Regards a concealed handgun licensee's duty to carry the license and notify a law enforcement officer if the licensee is carrying a concealed handgun, a right of a person age twenty-one or older and not legally prohibited from firearm possession to carry a concealed handgun in the same manner as if the person was a licensee, and a pretrial immunity hearing. Signed by the Governor (3/14/2022; Signed: March 14th, 2022, Effective: in 90 days)

Position: Opponent

Comment: Mike Weinman testified in opposition.

**SB 243** Police Profiling (Williams, S.)

To prohibit biased policing and other status-based profiling. Referred in Senate (10/6/2021; Judiciary)

Position: Monitor

**SB 261** Medical Marijuana (Huffman, S.)

To amend the law related to medical marijuana. Committee Hearing in House Government Oversight (4/27/2022; CONTINUED)

Position: Opponent

Comment: Jay McDonald testified in opposition.

**SB 269** Internet Lottery Games (Manning, N.)

To clarify that the Ohio Lottery Commission has the authority to conduct internet lottery gaming and to make other changes to the lottery law. Passed in Senate Government Oversight & Reform (6/1/2022; 30-2 (Johnson, Peterson) (Earlier REPORTED))

Position: Monitor

**SB 270** School Zones (Fedor, T., Gavarone, T.)

To establish requirements regarding Department of Transportation projects, specifically as they relate to schools and school zones.

Committee Hearing in Senate Transportation (12/8/2021; CONTINUED)

Position: Monitor

**SB 288** Criminal Offenses (Manning, N.)

To modify the Criminal Law regarding arson and related offenses; robbery, burglary, trespass, safecracking, and related offenses; theft, fraud, and related offenses; offenses against the public peace; offenses against justice and public administration; miscellaneous offenses; the meaning of "prior calculation and design"; certain vehicle license suspensions; a new offense of "aggravated rape"; and other miscellaneous provisions of that Law.

Committee Hearing in Senate Judiciary (5/17/2022; CONTINUED-SUBSTITUTE)

Position: Opponent

**SB 290** Law Enforcement Training (Hoagland, F.)

To exempt qualifying military veterans from the basic training otherwise required for initial appointment or hiring in a specified law enforcement capacity.

Committee Hearing in Senate Veterans & Public Safety (4/5/2022; CONTINUED)

Position: Monitor

**SB 292** Swatting (Brenner, A.)

To prohibit swatting.

Committee Hearing in Senate Judiciary (3/15/2022; CONTINUED)

Position: Monitor

**SB 296** Narcotics (Manning, N., Huffman, S.)

To revise the laws governing access to naloxone and certain narcotic testing products.

Committee Hearing in Senate Health (4/6/2022; CONTINUED)

Position: Monitor

**SB 300** Notary Public (Wilson, S.)

To amend the law regarding notaries public.

Committee Hearing in Senate General Government Budget (5/24/2022; CONTINUED-SUBSTITUTE)

Position: Interested Party

**SB 309** Highway Designation (Hoagland, F.)

To designate a portion of State Route 7 in Jefferson County as the "Sheriff Fredrick J. Abdalla Memorial Highway."

Committee Hearing in Senate Transportation (4/6/2022; CONTINUED)

Position: Monitor

**SB 311** Coroners And Death Certificates (Huffman, S., Johnson, T.)

To revise the law governing coroners and death certificates and to amend the version of section

4723.431 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect on September 30th, 2024, to continue the change on and after that date.  
Committee Hearing in Senate Health (4/6/2022; CONTINUED)

Position: Monitor

**SB 319** Highway Designation (Huffman, S.)

To designate a portion of State Route 55 in Miami County as the "Sheriff Sergeant William "Bill" Morris Memorial Highway."

Referred in Senate (5/18/2022; Transportation)

Position: Proponent

**SB 323** Highway Designation (Hackett, B.)

To designate multiple memorial highways.

Passed in Senate Transportation (6/1/2022; 32-0 (Earlier REPORTED))

Position: Proponent

**SB 326** Highway Designation (Wilson, S.)

To designate a portion of State Route 73 in Warren County as the "Natural Resources Officer Jason Lagore Memorial Highway."

Referred in Senate (5/18/2022; Transportation)

Position: Proponent

**SB 327** State Income Tax (Huffman, S.)

To repeal the state income tax on nonbusiness income with a ten-year phase-out.

Referred in Senate (5/18/2022; Ways & Means)

Position: Oppose

**SB 339** Tracking Devices (Manning, N., Antonio, N.)

To generally prohibit a person from knowingly installing a tracking device or application on another person's property without the other person's consent.

Committee Hearing in Senate Judiciary (5/31/2022; CONTINUED)

Position: Monitor

**SB 345** Violent Offenders (Peterson, B.)

To prohibit an offender convicted of a specified violent offense from residing within ten miles of the location of the offense while under post-release supervision and provide for eviction of such an offender from rental premises within that radius.

Referred in Senate (5/31/2022; Judiciary)

Position: Monitor

**HCR 9** Township Support (Swearingen, D., Hall, T.)

To urge the United States Department of the Treasury to provide fiscal recovery funds to townships under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Pub. L. No. 117-2.  
Committee Hearing in House State & Local Government (6/10/2021)

Position: Monitor

**HCR 10** Right To Organize (Kelly, B., Sobecki, L.)

To urge the Congress of the United States to enact the Protecting the Right to Organize Act of 2021.  
Introduced and Referred in House (4/14/2021; Commerce & Labor)

Position: Monitor

**HCR 20** Policing Act (Lightbody, M., Brent, J.)

To urge the United States Congress to enact H.R. 1280, the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2021.  
Introduced and Referred in House (5/18/2021; State & Local Government)

Position: Monitor

**SCR 13** Income Tax (Lang, G.)

To declare the General Assembly's intention to repeal the state individual income tax within a decade.  
Referred in Senate (12/15/2021; Ways & Means)

Position: Opponent

