Crimes, Corrections, and Law Enforcement

H.B. 23

Primary Sponsors: Reps. Roemer and Williams

Effective date: March 2, 2026

Escaped convict alert program

- Creates the Escaped Convict Alert Program.

Bank police officers

- Provides that, upon the application of a prior parent company of a bank, the Secretary of State may appoint and commission police officers for the bank that the prior parent company of the bank previously had a controlling interest in.

H.B. 29

Primary Sponsors: Reps. Humphrey and John

Effective date: March 20, 2026

Correctional facilities housing female inmates

- Prohibits county and municipal correctional facilities and state correctional institutions housing female inmates from denying inmates access to feminine hygiene products, except when experiencing an emergency.
- Requires county and municipal correctional facilities and state correctional institutions housing female inmates to do all of the following:
  - Provide inmates experiencing a menstrual cycle with an adequate supply of feminine hygiene products at no cost to the inmates.
  - Have a policy that allows access to feminine hygiene products while providing sanitary disposal methods.
  - Provide a designated area with containers for disposal of feminine hygiene products.
  - Provide inmates experiencing menstruation a minimum of one shower per day with access to hot water for washing, except when experiencing an emergency.

H.B. 44

Primary Sponsors: Reps. J. Miller and K. Miller

Effective date: February 4, 2026

Police training and qualifications

- Allows a police department to fill a vacant position in the classified civil service without a competitive examination if the department presents evidence that competition is impracticable and the position can best be filled by a person holding a specialized certification, possessing peculiar and exceptional qualifications, or having completed the department's police cadet training program.
- Allows the municipal police chief to conduct training schools for prospective law enforcement officers that align with Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy standards and offer equivalent qualification, and places the prospective officers in the unclassified civil service.
- Requires the training course for chiefs of police to be conducted at locations determined by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission and in a manner prescribed by the Commission.
- Sets eight hours as the maximum exemption for a chief who submits evidence of previous training or qualification in the exempted topics.
- Specifies that a "newly appointed" chief is one who has never held the full-time position before.
- Allows the Commission to establish and conduct police officer training courses to be offered to law enforcement officers at or above the rank of sergeant.

S.B. 114

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Patton

Effective date: September 30, 2025

- Prohibits a law enforcement official or agency from doing any of the following:
  - Establishing a plan that uses a quota (a mandate of a finite number of arrests or citations that an officer must meet in a specified period) as the basis for evaluating, promoting, compensating, transferring, or disciplining an officer;
  - Requiring or suggesting that an officer must or is expected to meet a quota; or
  - Offering a benefit to an officer based on the officer's quota.
- Requires the Attorney General to establish a form for a police officer to use to report the use of quotas in violation of the prohibitions, to investigate alleged violations, and to issue a cease and desist order if a violation is found.

- Allows a police officer to choose whether to submit the report anonymously or disclose his or her identity in the report.