

To: Chief Will Balling, OACP President
From: Chief Bruce Pijanowski, CLEE, Chair, Legislative Committee
Date: August 26, 2020
Re: Legislative Committee Update

On behalf of the OACP Legislative Committee, I am pleased to provide the following report of our activities and the issues we will be focusing on by year's end.

The 133rd Ohio Legislative Session is ending with a significant amount of legislative activity of concern to law enforcement. With the help of the legislative committee and our lobbyist, Mr. Matt Kallner and his associates, Hannah Yuhl and Abe Jacob, we have been actively involved in many of the bills that affect law enforcement.

In particular, we are carefully monitoring a list of bills that have been identified as concerns for OACP. Among these bills is the customary number of firearms bills, and more importantly the law enforcement reform bills. The legislative committee has pared down our list of tracked legislation to a priority list and a monitored list. As part of our legislative initiative this year, these lists are now available for review on the OACP members only website on the Legislative page. This legislative posting is now a permanent fixture on the page in an effort to keep you more updated on the issues that we are watching and to reach a broader audience for review and feedback.

The legislative committee also identified law enforcement training and law enforcement certification as issues that we wanted to pursue proactively during this session. During the previous year, we negotiated with the Governor's staff and Sen. Dolan, the sponsor of SB 220 / Strong Ohio, to consider funding for the law enforcement assistance fund into the bill, and to begin the discussion of a permanent funding source for law enforcement training in Ohio. We also had tentative discussions about a police certification review. Both issues have now been incorporated into the various law enforcement reform bills.

Please take some time to review the legislative lists that are posted on the OACP website. If you have any concerns or interest in any of the legislation, please feel free to contact either me or any member of the legislative committee.

Sincerely,

Bruce Pijanowski, CLEE

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OACP Legislative Chair