

Ohio's Statehouse-to-Prison Pipeline 134th General Assembly (2021-2022)

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A Quick Look

The Statehouse-to-Prison Pipeline is the practice of introducing and/or passing bills to create new crimes, enhance existing penalties, and expand current laws that result in more people going to prison or jail.

134th OGA to the 133rd, 132nd, and 131st OGA Bill Breakdown **A Comparison**

		Bills		
		Total	Pipeline	Passed
134 th OGA	House	755	63 (8.3%)	
	Senate	369	28 (7.5%)	
	Total	1,124	91 (8.1%)	15

- 15 total Pipeline bills passed in the 134th OGA. That was an increase from the 9 passed in the 133rd OGA, but better than the 22 passed in the 132nd OGA.
- The Senate itself introduced noticeably less Pipeline bills in the 134th OGA (28) than the 133rd (52) or 132nd (43).

The 134th Ohio General Assembly (2021-2022)

From January 2021 to December 2022, 1,124 bills were introduced in the OGA. Of those, 91 bills (8.1%) are what we consider Pipeline bills. More specifically, 63 of the 755 (8.3%) House bills and 28 of the 369 (7.5%) Senate bills contained mass incarceration provisions. Ultimately, 15 of these bills passed and were signed into law.

Call To Action

- Introduce and pass legislation that ends the reliance on mass incarceration for problems only made worse by jail, prison, and felony records;
- End the unnecessary introduction of bills and passage of laws that ultimately make Ohioans less safe, not more.