

Ohio's Statehouse-to-Prison Pipeline 135th General Assembly (2023-2024)

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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.

This publication is the ACLU of Ohio's **fifth full legislative session review** and is the culmination of **ten years' worth of data** to analyze every single bill for its "pipeline qualities."

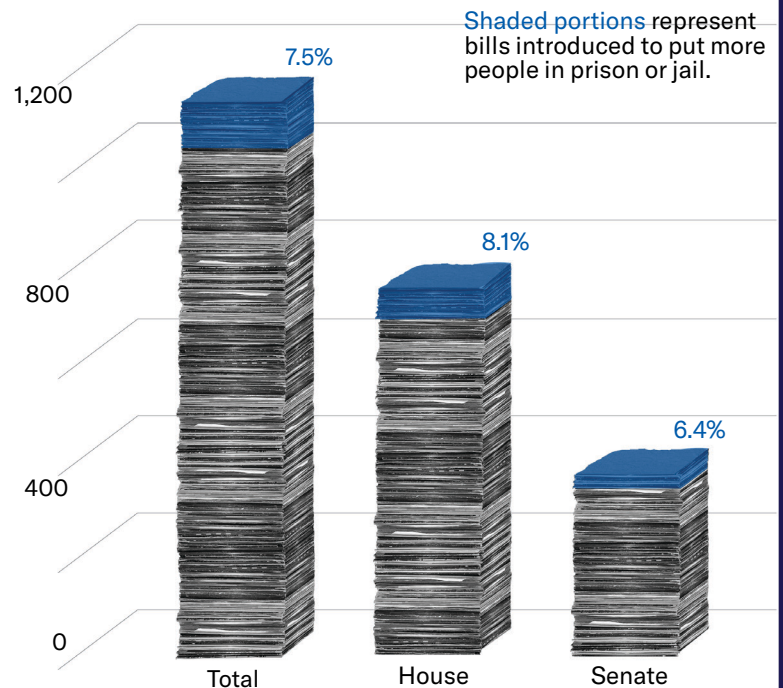
Comparative Information to Assess Trends:

		Bills		
		Total	Pipeline	Passed
135 th OGA	House	714 (716)*	58 (8.1%)	14
	Senate	342	22 (6.4%)	
	Total	1,056 (1,058)*	79 (7.5%)	

* NOTE: THERE WAS ALSO A "SPECIAL SESSION" IN 2024 CALLED BY GOV. DEWINE FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF PASSING TWO ELECTION LAW BILLS. TO AVOID CONFUSION, HOUSE BILL 1 FROM THAT SPECIAL SESSION IS INCLUDED HERE AS IF IT WERE PART OF THE REGULAR 135TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY (SESSION).

134 th OGA	House	755	63 (8.3%)	15
	Senate	369	28 (7.5%)	
	Total	1,124	91 (8.1%)	
133 rd OGA	House	805	60 (7.4%)	9
	Senate	389	52 (13.3%)	
	Total	1,194	112 (9.4%)	
132 nd OGA	House	796	94 (11.8%)	22
	Senate	348	43 (12.3%)	
	Total	1,144	137 (12%)	
131 st OGA	House	628	67 (10.6%)	16
	Senate	376	24 (6.4%)	
	Total	1,004	91 (9.1%)	

The 135th OGA Introduced Bill Breakdown



The ACLU of Ohio Urges Legislative Leaders to:

- 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.