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Welcome back to Free Frank P. Wood @ Facebook and [www.freefrankwood.com](http://www.freefrankwood.com).

It's been quite some time since new information regarding my Wrongful Imprisonment has been published. And not without good reason. I have been dutifully advancing my education in law, collecting documents, and carefully planning. Such things take time and there is still much more to do.

While in the processes mentioned above, a document came to my attention that just may help free many. This document was so shocking that I ceased the above activities and fervently pursued this potential legal remedy. Follow me on this, please.

In 2019, Attorney Ronald R. Stanley filed a State Habeas Corpus, on my behalf, that contained State's evidence proving my legal and factual innocence, into the Supreme Court of Ohio. With no challenge from the Attorney General, my claims were unjustly dismissed six (6) months later without hearing or adjudication: Finding of Fact & Conclusion of Law. Much to my surprise, a few months later, Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor was quoted in a publication claiming she was going to start a "Task Force" to investigate wrongful convictions.

While studying the Concurring Opinion in State v. Hatton, 2022-Ohio-3991, House Bill 738 was mentioned in regards to Justice O'Connor's claim. Introduced on October 26, 2022, it is captioned on the LEXIS legal research system as "2021 Bill Text OH H.B. 738." This Bill

1. adopts Crim.R. 33.1 regarding motions for new trial
2. amends R.C. 2953.21 and R.C. 2953.23 (Postconviction-Relief Petitions)
3. amends R.C. 181.25 (Data Collection)
4. amends Ohio Admin. Code 120-1-10 (Appointment Systems and Attorney Qualifications)
5. amends and incorporates from the American Bar Association's Rules of Professional Conduct, Rule 3.8, Special Responsibilities of a Criminal Prosecutor; the same Rule I quoted in my book A Blueprint for Wrongful Imprisonment

Indeed, there will be no more of the dogma 'Point-the-finger-and-go' with the battle cry of 'He did it!'

The Bill was/is sponsored by Senator Dave Leland out of District 22 in Columbus. It was waiting to receive a final vote from the House Committee on Criminal Justice before year's end. Unfortunately, there has been no word on the current status of the Bill. However, you can call the State House to check at (614) 466-8842. This may be the best way to get an updated and accurate answer, for the web site to check a bill's status ([www.legislature.ohio.gov](http://www.legislature.ohio.gov)) reveals the same information as LEXIS.

The Bill/vote may have been extended, have to be resubmitted, received a new sponsor, or they are awaiting the passage of another bill to provide funding

for the project before they make it public. If any of you receive an update of any kind, please forward this information to Atty. Stanley at Legal50@aol.com. Thank you.

In praising the efforts of Justice O'Connor and Senator Leland, the Bill sets up an 8-member panel to investigate claims of innocence. It appears that claims with new evidence will be heard first. Retaining the powers of subpoena and deposition, the panel conducts two (2) investigations without the "confirmation bias" of a trial court and the "adversarial process" of the prosecution. No need to articulate litigation. They are a "fact finding" committee. Just tell the truth. If all is good, they pass you on to a 3-member panel which also conducts two (2) invests. And their final decisions are appealable. In some instances, you may be provided with counsel. What more, some are over-sentenced and guilty of lesser crimes. This may provide a new avenue of relief for them, as well.

As noted in the Task Force's Report & Recommendation (R&R), they asked for input from prosecutors statewide. Only two (2) prosecutors from Franklin County chimed in. Then, on August 25, 2020, the Ohio Prosecuting Attorney's Association, via Louis Tobin, published a press release (as found in the R&R), claiming they "voted last week to approve a set of best practices for conviction review and to propose a change to Rule 3.8." On September 15, 2020, Justice O'Connor checked that at the door with her own press release that began with, "I understand that the Ohio Prosecuting Attorney's Association has elected not to participate in the Task Force on conviction Integrity and Post-Conviction Review."

Bravo! A most excellent parry, Lady Justice!

In closing, I have provided two (2) pages directly behind this introduction that contains the "Bill Tracking" information from LEXIS and Sen. Leland's contact information. These pages will also be posted at [www.freefrankpwood.com](http://www.freefrankpwood.com) followed by the Task Force's R&R, and the House Bill, under the heading "Ohio House Bill 738." And, please, share this information with everyone you know. Thanks.

In the interest of True Justice, we must never surrender to the tyranny that denied us our loved ones.

Peace & Prosperity to you and yours.

Honor & Integrity,



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## 2021 Bill Tracking OH H.B. 738

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2021 Bill Tracking OH H.B. 738

OHIO BILL TRACKING > OHIO 134TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY - 2021-22 REGULAR SESSION > HOUSE BILL 738 > 2021 Bill Tracking OH H.B. 738

**Last Action:** November 15, 2022; To HOUSE Committee on CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

**Synopsis:** Makes changes to the law regarding postconviction relief proceedings; establishes the state Innocence Commission.

### Status

10/26/2022 INTRODUCED.

10/26/2022 To HOUSE Committee on RULES AND REFERENCE.

11/15/2022 From HOUSE Committee on RULES AND REFERENCE: Recommended referral.

11/15/2022 In HOUSE. To second reading. Read a second time.

11/15/2022 To HOUSE Committee on CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

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