

- **Bill imposes extra prison time for offenders who assault federal law enforcement officers,**
- **firefighters, paramedics and members of the military.**
  - **These sanctions are already applied if the offender assaults an Ohio peace officer or prosecutor.**
  - **Current law covers those who feloniously assault or murder, however this legislation specifically addresses**
  - **those who target and purposely seek to harm or kill first responders**
- **a motivated hate crime against us -**
- **perpetrator targets a victim because of his or her ---**
- **membership in a certain social group or race.**
- **Ambush attacks on officers have increase in recent years:**
  - **2014: 15 (Washington Times)**
  - **2015: 6 (NBC News)**
  - **2016: 21 (NLEOMF)**
  - **2017: 8 (NLEOMF)**
- **Other states have passed similar legislation: Louisiana, Kentucky, Arizona, Nevada, Arkansas, Georgia, Kansas, Mississippi, Missouri, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Utah, West Virginia, Texas**
- **Other states are proposing similar legislation**

**this bill also covers retired LEO's which I believe is critical--**

**there are those who we have arrested over our careers --**

**in my own case--- from terrorists to drug traffickers to carjackers -**

**--and I have personally received death threats -delivered at times to my home residence---**

**Those who are waiting for the day—for some of us retire to retaliate for the profession we chose**

**In 1962 President John F. Kennedy designated May 15<sup>th</sup>  
as Peace Officers Memorial Day -----**

**Here in Ohio next month ---**

**there will be many ceremonies and events to honor those who serve ----  
those who have served -----**

**and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice while serving.**

**There would be nothing greater than to be able to let**

**these officers know ----**

**that here in the State of Ohio**

**as in many other states**

**we stand behind our officers --- and will not tolerate these senseless attacks**

**I have been a proud member of LE for the last 35 years—**

**It's due time for a hate crime bill against those who target our profession**