



**State Representative Timothy J. DeGeeter**

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### **Rep. DeGeeter Appointed to Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission**

**COLUMBUS-** State Representative Timothy J. DeGeeter (D-Parma) has been appointed by Ohio House Speaker Armond Budish to the Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission. He will serve as a non-paid, voting member of the Commission.

The Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission meets to review Ohio's sentencing statutes and sentencing patterns in order to make recommendations to the General Assembly on any necessary statutory changes. The Commission is chaired by the Chief Justice and consists of 31 members.

"My appointment to the Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission will allow me to assist and provide input to ultimately find solutions that are cost-effective and will improve public safety," said Rep. DeGeeter. "I look forward to working closely with Commission members, especially with Parma Municipal Court Judge Kenneth Spanagel, who plays an integral and active role on the Commission" said Rep. DeGeeter.

Representative DeGeeter is attending his first Commission meeting in Columbus next week, where he will also attend an Ohio Power Siting Board meeting. He was appointed to serve as a member on the Power Siting Board earlier this year.

Representative DeGeeter is currently serving his third term in the Ohio House after being appointed in December of 2003.