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Legislation and Policy in the News:

[There's No Such Thing as Expunging a Criminal Record Anymore; Slate, January 7, 2019](#)

[Did Override of Kasich Veto on 'Self-Defense' Law Clear Ohio Teen of Murder Charge?; Columbus Dispatch, January 18, 2019](#)

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Legislative News: Two Week Review

• Mike DeWine was sworn in as Governor of Ohio, 1.14.19. He immediately signed 6 executive orders to: 1) create the RecoveryOhio Initiative; 2) create the Children's Initiative; 3) establish Ohio as a disability inclusion state; 5) re-institute previous anti-discrimination policies that had expired at midnight, adding provisions prohibiting discrimination against pregnant women, parents of young children and foster parents; and 6) elevate prevention efforts in the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

• Legislative leadership for the 133rd General Assembly has mostly been set in the Senate: Sen. Obhof is the Senate President; Sen. Peterson is the President Pro Tempore; and Sen. Huffman is the Majority Whip. Sen. Yuko is the Minority Leader; Sen. Thomas is the Assistant Minority Leader; Sen. O'Brien is the Minority Whip; and Sen. Williams is the Assistant Minority Whip. In the House, Rep. Householder was voted in as Speaker but other leadership has not yet been decided. Minority leadership in the House is likely to change.

• **HB 511** **(Rep. Lanese,) Marriage Age,** signed by the Governor 1.7.19. The bill prohibits people younger than 18 from getting married. Some exceptions are made for 17 year olds, with court permission. The bill will go into effect 90 days after being signed.

• Per **HB 336**, starting 1.31.19 until 7.31.19, a **license reinstatement fee amnesty** is in effect. To be eligible, petitioners must have completed all court-ordered sanctions related to the eligible offense other than the payment of reinstatement fees. Additionally, at least 18 months must have expired since the end of the period of the suspension ordered by the court. Please see the BMV website for more details.

• Find enactment information for the 132nd General Assembly's HB 38, HB 92, HB 96, HB 341, HB 425, HB 497, SB 20, SB 158, SB 201, and SB 296 on the OJC's website.

• **Mark your calendars!** The **Judicial-Legislative Exchange** will take place on **5.1.19**, followed by a reception in conjunction with the Supreme Court and the OSBA welcoming the new General Assembly. 5.1 is historically Law Day: "A national day set aside to celebrate the rule of law. Law Day underscores how law and the legal process have contributed to the freedoms that all Americans share." If you are interested in participating in the Exchange or attending the reception that night, please contact Justin.Long@sc.ohio.gov. The annual reception of the Ohio Council of County Officials is scheduled for **4.9.19** at the Statehouse.

• **Need data analysis or information that requires data research?** The Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission's research division may be able to help. If you have data but need to assess it to determine the effectiveness of a program or to explain it to a funding source, or, if you have an interest in participating in the current data projects of the OCSC, consider utilizing the services of the OCSC by contacting Lisa.Hickman@sc.ohio.gov.

For a complete list of bills & the latest issue of BillBoard, please visit the OJC website.

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