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Legislation and Policy in the News:

[*We Really Do Have a Solution to the Opioid Crisis and One State is Showing How it Works; Vox, May 10, 2018*](#)

[*Judge Overseeing Opioid Suits Seeks Steps to Address Crisis; Associated Press, May 11, 2018*](#)

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Legislative News: Two Week Review

- [HB 354](#) (Rep. Reineke) **Tiffin-Fostoria Drug Court**, signed by the Governor, 5.2.18. The bill allows the Tiffin-Fostoria Municipal Court to have jurisdiction concurrent with the Seneca County Common Pleas Court to run a drug recovery program. The bill will go into effect 90 days from signing.
- [HB 614](#) (Rep. West) **Drug Paraphernalia**, introduced 4.24.18. The bill expands the Good Samaritan provision in current law by providing criminal immunity for the charge of possession of drug paraphernalia for a person who seeks or obtains medical assistance for a drug overdose (currently the immunity applies only to a minor drug possession charge).
- [HB 615](#) (Rep. West) **Probate Debt Payment**, introduced 4.24.18. The bill requires creditors, prior to collecting the debt of a decedent outside of probate and if attempting to collect on a claim against an estate from an individual rather than from the estate, to inform the individual that the individual is not under an obligation to pay the debt. Failure to do is an unconscionable act in connection with a consumer transaction.
- [HB 616](#) (Rep. West) **Prohibition of Drug Arrest Quotas**, introduced 4.24.18. The bill prohibits law enforcement agencies from establishing a plan using quotas of arrests made or citations issued by their police officers for the purpose of evaluating and promoting police officers. The bill authorizes the Attorney General to investigate such practices, if an anonymous report is made; to issue a cease and desist order; and to enforce that order.
- [HB 622](#) (Rep. Perales) **Gun-Carrying Judges**, introduced 5.1.18. The bill provides that no provision in a "court-adopted weapons ban" may be enforced against a judge or magistrate who is a concealed-carry license holder with respect to the judge or magistrate's conveyance of a handgun into a court facility.
- [HB 627](#) (Reps. Galonski, Smith) **Statute of Limitations for Rape**, introduced 5.1.18. The bill eliminates the period of limitation for the criminal prosecution for rape.
- [HB 638](#) (Rep. Kent) **Statute of Limitations for Child Abuse and Neglect**, introduced 5.9.18. Currently, the statute of limitations for child abuse begins to run either when the child reaches the age of majority or the proper authorities are notified of the abuse. The bill begins running the statute of limitations only when the child reaches 18.
- The **Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services** published its [Ohio Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force Report for 2017](#). The report focuses on street (i.e., non-pharmaceutical) drug activity, pharmaceutical drug diversion, seizures, and other activities of the 41 state-funded criminal task forces.

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