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Legislation and Policy in the News:

[Big Agenda Awaits Legislators as They Return to Columbus; Dayton Daily News, January 4, 2017](#)



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Legislative News: Two Week Review

- Happy New Year! The 132nd General Assembly began on 1.3.17, with legislative sessions scheduled to begin 1.25.17. The Governor's FY18-19 Budget is due to the General Assembly on 1.31.17.
- The [Criminal Recodification Committee](#) has been authorized to continue its work through June 2017.
- Speaker Cliff Rosenberger announced committee chairs and finance subcommittee chairs, 1.12.17: [Rep. Jim Butler](#) will be the chair of the Civil Justice Committee; [Rep. Nathan Manning](#) will be the chair of the Criminal Justice Committee; and [Rep. Keith Faber](#) will be the chair of the Finance Subcommittee on State Government and Agency Review.
- [Sen. Scott Oelslager](#) and [Rep. Ryan Smith](#) are retaining their positions as Finance Committee Chairs in the Senate and the House, respectively.
- Committee membership is expected to be announced during the last week of January.
- Please visit our website to view Enactment News on the following bills that were recently signed by the Governor: [HB 154](#) (3-foot Passing/Bikes); [HB 185](#) (Arson); [HB 300](#) (OVI Suspension/Vehicular Manslaughter); [HB 347](#) (Civil Asset Forfeiture); [HB 388](#) (OVI/IID); [HB 410](#) (Truancy); [HB 432](#) (Probate); [HB 436](#) (OVI immobilization); [HB 451](#) (Life-Sustaining Treatment); [HB 463](#) (Foreclosure); [SB 30](#) (Ohio Family Stability Commission); [SB 139](#) (Post-Conviction Relief/Death Penalty); [SB 199](#) (Concealed Carry); [SB 227](#) (Attorney General Functions and Dormancy Law); [SB 232](#) (Death Designation Deeds); [SB 319](#) (Naloxone Use and Treatment for Pregnant Drug Users); and [SB 331](#) (Bestiality and Cock-Fighting).
- **Mark your calendars:** the **Legislative Reception** welcoming members of the General Assembly, which is organized jointly by the OJC, the OSBA, and the Supreme Court, is scheduled for **May 2, 2017** in the Statehouse Museum Gallery, from 5:00 to 7:00.
- **Mark your calendars:** The Annual [Judicial Legislative Exchange](#) is scheduled for **May 3, 2017** – the goal is to create and maintain rapport between legislators and the judges serving their districts. Each legislator has the opportunity to invite a judge to observe the work done in the Statehouse. If you are interested in participating, please contact Justin Long at 614.387.9756 or Justin.Long@sc.ohio.gov.

For a complete list of bills that affect the judiciary, please visit the [OJC website](#).



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