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**Legislation and Policy in the News:**

[Ohio's New Self Defense Law Cited in Dismissal of Murder Charges Against Man in Cleveland Bar Shooting; Cleveland Plain Dealer, March 26, 2019](#)

[Purdue Pharma Reaches \\$270 Million Settlement with Oklahoma in Opioid Crisis Case; The Wall Street Journal, March 26, 2019](#)

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**Legislative News: Two Week Review**

- **HB 166** (Rep. Oelslager) **Biennial Budget**, introduced 3.22.19:



The bill contains several provisions of note, including:

- Voluntary TCAP in every county (starting at p. 372)
- Local funding for probation departments in APA counties (starting at p. 312)
- APA responsibility to supervise everyone on PRC (starting at p. 376)
- Increased funding for specialized dockets
- Increased funding for indigent defense (starting at p. 1669)
- Continued funding for specialized docket payroll subsidy, which may also be used to defray costs of treatment and recovery supports (starting at p. 1645)
- **SB 108** (Sen. Obhof) **Statutory Construction**, introduced 3.13.19. The bill a provision of law that specifies some factors that a court may consider when it interprets an ambiguous statute in attempting to determine the intention of the legislature in enacting the statute.
- **SB 118** (Sen. Roegner) **Assault Penalties**, introduced 3.26.19. The bill increases the penalty for assault if the victim is acting as a sports official or the assault is committed in retaliation for the victim's actions as a sports official.
- **HB 136** (Rep. Hillyer) **Death Penalty**, introduced 3.19.19. The bill prohibits the death penalty if the offender was mentally ill at time of offense.
- **HB 139 – HB 142** (Rep. Patton) **Traffic Cameras**, introduced 3.19.19. The bills restrict traffic law photo-monitoring devices by: (1) prohibiting their use in a local authority that doesn't operate either a fire department or an EMS; (2) prohibiting their use in a local authority with a population of 200 or fewer; (3) prohibiting a local authority, in a year, from issuing a total number of such tickets that exceeds 2x the population; and (4) prohibiting a local authority from deriving more than 30% of its revenue from such tickets.
- **HB 145** (Rep. Brinkman) **Animal Abuse Registry**, introduced 3.19.19. The bill requires the Attorney General to establish an animal abuser registry.
- **HB 168** (Rep. Arndt) **Affirmative Defense**, introduced 3.26.19. The bill creates an affirmative defense to a release of hazardous substances from a facility in certain cases.
- **Presided over a traumatic case and need to talk to someone about it confidentially?** Ohio State University's STAR (Stress Trauma & Resiliency) Program provides brief supportive therapy following participation in a difficult event within the last 3 years. Call 614.293.7827 and talk confidentially to a STAR counselor specially trained to provide professional emotional support to people who work day-to-day with difficult life events.
- **Mark your calendars!** The **Judicial-Legislative Exchange** will take place on **5.1.19**, followed by a reception welcoming the new General Assembly. If you are interested in participating in the Exchange or attending the reception, contact [Justin.Long@sc.ohio.gov](mailto:Justin.Long@sc.ohio.gov). **For a complete list of bills & the latest issue of BillBoard, please visit the [OJC website](#).**



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