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Legislation and Policy in the News:

[Clergy Members Urge Legislators to Enact Death Penalty Task Force Recommendations; Columbus Dispatch, April 5, 2016](#)

[Jail Database Upgrade is Overdue; Columbus Dispatch, April 13, 2016](#)



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Legislative News: Two Week Review

- [HB 151](#) (Rep. Anielski) **Cyber-Stalking**, voted off the Senate floor, 4.13.16. The bill expands the definition of Menacing by Stalking to include threats of harm or inciting another to threaten harm; it prohibits certain harassing telecommunications.
- [HB 172](#) (Rep. Barnes) **"Mug Shot" Websites**, amended 4.13.16. The bill now prohibits websites from negligently soliciting or accepting from an individual a fee "to remove, correct, modify or refrain from publishing ... criminal record information."
- [SB 204](#) (Sen. Seitz) **Discretionary Driving Suspensions**, voted out of Senate Government Oversight committee 4.5.16 and voted off the Senate floor, 4.12.16. The bill allows a judge to determine whether a license should be suspended pursuant to a drug charge (it is currently a mandatory suspension).
- [SB 232](#) (Sen. Bacon) **Death Designation Deeds**, voted out of committee 4.5.16 and voted off the Senate floor, 4.12.16. The bill would terminate a transfer upon death deed designation in cases of divorce, dissolution, or annulment.
- [SB 308](#) (Sen. Coley) **Child Support**, introduced 4.7.16. This bill: sends to courts cases where identical siblings are listed as putative fathers; makes the current requirement that CSEA inform the court of an obligor not obtaining insurance a permissive disclosure; requires objections to an order to be filed in the same county as the relevant CSEA; clarifies when a court needs to consider a tax exemption; and makes lump sum payment intercepts entirely administrative.
- [HB 388](#) (Rep. Scherer) **Annie's Law**, voted out of House Public Safety Committee, 4.12.16. The bill encourages the use of ignition interlock devices for first-time OVI offenders by allowing an offender to request the device and for jail time to be suspended while the device is being used per any conditions of the court.
- [HB 523](#) (Rep. Huffman) **Medical Marijuana**, introduced 4.14.16. The bill authorizes doctors to prescribe marijuana and creates a Control Program to regulate marijuana.
- The Ohio Ballot Board certified the [Medical Use of Marijuana Amendment](#), 3.31.16 and the [Grassroots Ohio Amendment](#), 4.14.16. More than 300,000 signatures need to be collected by early July in order for either proposal to make the November ballot.
- The OSBA's Judicial Administration and Legal Reform Committee is accepting nominations for the **2016 Innovative Court Programs and Practices Award**. For more information or to nominate someone, go to the [OSBA website](#).
- The **OJC's Annual Judicial-Legislative Exchange** was a success, with more than 40 judges shadowing legislators throughout a very busy day. Thank you to all who participated! Looking forward to next year!

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