



November 27, 2017

**Legislation and Policy in the News:**

[Nuisance Laws Penalize Residents for 911 Calls; cleveland.com, November 10, 2017](http://cleveland.com)

*The Ohio Judicial Conference is dedicated to serving all Ohio judges. It is the voice of the judiciary and the primary resource to ensure the fair, unbiased, open, and effective administration of justice.*

Legislative News: Two Week Review

- **HB 31** (Rep. Cupp) **State Boards; Notaries**, signed by the Governor, 11.21.17. The bill abolishes several state boards and revives the Ohio RECLAIM Advisory Board, which expired 12.31.16. The Advisory Board includes two juvenile court judges and two juvenile court administrators and members of the Advisory Board when the Board expired in 2016 shall continue in their positions. The bill also eliminates electronic notaries, which were created in the budget bill. The bill will go into effect in 90 days.
- **SB 152** (Sen. Dolan) **Structured Settlements**, unanimously voted out of the Senate, 11.15.17. The bill requires that an approval of the transfer in a final court order must be based on specified findings by the court and eliminates items required under current law to be included in the court's express findings.
- **SB 231** (Sen. Gardner) **Violent Offender Registry**, amended and re-introduced 11.14.17. The bill defines "violent offender" as anyone who has committed aggravated murder, murder, voluntary manslaughter, kidnapping, or F2 abduction and requires violent offenders to register once annually, in person, with the county sheriff for 10 years and up to life.
- **HB 423** (Reps. Lang, Seitz) **Masked Intimidation**, introduced 11.21.17. The bill creates the crime of Masked Intimidation (M1) which prohibits wearing a mask or disguise to obstruct execution of the law, hinder someone's performance of a legal duty, or interfere with rights established by the Constitution or laws of Ohio.
- **HB 425** (Reps. Antani, Craig) **Body Cameras**, introduced 11.21.17. The bill specifies that, with some exceptions, the audio and/or video footage from a peace officer's body camera is not a public record under Public Record Law.
- **HB 426** (Rep. Hagan) **Sexual Misconduct**, introduced 11.21.17. The bill prohibits a school employee from having sex with a student at least four years younger, even if that school employee is not in a position of authority (currently, the law names teachers, coaches, and administrators).
- Fentanyl and other synthetic opioids are increasingly being used to cut illicit street drugs. These substances pose a significant health risk as they are highly potent in small quantities and easily absorb through the skin. BCI has developed a [safety fact sheet](#) about **drug evidence in the court room** when fentanyl and other synthetic opioids are present.
- Judges can now [sign up for Ohio Supreme Court grant announcements](#) and indicate their preferred method of receiving the information.
- Happy Thanksgiving!

For a complete list of bills or to view the latest issue of **BillBoard**, please visit the [OJC website](#).



[Marta Mudri](#)

Legislative Counsel  
*Civil Law; Specialized Dockets; Jury Service*



[Shawn Welch](#)

Deputy Legislative Counsel  
*Probate Law; Domestic Relations Law; Juvenile Law*



[Josh Williams](#)

Deputy Legislative Counsel  
*Criminal Law; Traffic Law; Appellate Law, Magistrates*



[Justin Long](#)

Legislative Services Specialist  
*Publications; PCCO*