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Legislation and Policy in the News:

[Child Killer Put to Death in First Ohio Execution in 3 Years; Associated Press, July 27, 2017](#)

[Despite Court Ruling Columbus Won't Re-Install Red Light Cameras; Columbus Dispatch, July 27, 2017](#)

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Legislative News: Two Week Review

- [HB 304](#) (Rep. Young) **Disabled Adult Adoption Tax Credit**, introduced 7.12.17. The bill extends a personal income tax credit available for the adoption of a minor child to include a disabled adult adopted by the adult's stepparent.
- [HB 305](#) (Reps. Antonio, Boyd) **Protection Order Firearm Turnover**, introduced 7.18.17. The bill requires a court to determine if the respondent to a protection order (under Sec. 2903.214, 2919.26, or 3113.31) or an offender who has been convicted of certain offenses (Assault, Agg. Menacing, or Domestic Violence) is prohibited from possessing a firearm, and to require the court to order such a person to transfer all firearms to a law enforcement agency or a federally licensed firearms dealer. The bill permits a petitioner for a protection order to include in the petition a list of all known firearms of the respondent.
- [SCR 13](#) (Sen. Yuko) **Reclassify Marijuana**, introduced 7.19.17. The resolution urges the federal government to reclassify marijuana, which is currently classified as Schedule-I.
- On 7.5.17, the Supreme Court accepted an appeal in the murder trial of State v. Martin; the appeal will review the recently enacted Juvenile Trafficking Safe Harbor Law ([129 HB 262](#)). Hearings have not yet been scheduled.
- In [Dayton v. State](#), on 7.26.17, the Ohio Supreme Court struck down several recently-enacted ([130 SB 342](#)) red light camera restrictions as violative of home rule. A majority of the court found that the restrictions did not meet the test for "general laws" of the state, which would allow them to supersede home rule authority.
- The bulk of the administrative rules for the state's [medical marijuana program](#) received approval 7.31.17, as the program moves toward implementation next fall.
- The Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission has taken the lead in facilitating another round of technical assistance from the Council of State Governments (CSG) Justice Center – specifically, via the Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI); meetings started 8.1.17.
- The Ohio Public Defender has published [new state reimbursement rates](#) for indigent defense costs, 7.20.17.
- The 2017 OJC Annual Meeting, "**Adapting Justice to a Dynamic Society,**" will take place in Columbus from 8.31.17 to 9.1.17. Look for registration information in the mail, or register [online](#). The legislative panel, composed of State Senators and Representatives, is scheduled for the morning of 9.1.17 (Friday) and will include a question and answer session. *If you have questions you would like to submit to the legislative panelists, please forward them to Marta.Mudri@sc.ohio.gov.*

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



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