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**Legislation and Policy in the News:**

[Ohio's Issue 1 Diagnosed a Prison Problem but Solutions are Complicated; Columbus Dispatch, December 3, 2018](#)

[Tennessee Supreme Court Rules on Juvenile Life Without Parole Case; CNN, December 8, 2018](#)

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## Legislative News: Two Week Review

- **HJR 19** (Reps. Holmes, LaTourette) **Constitutional Amendment Initiative Process**, introduced 11.28.18. The resolution amends Sections 1a, 1b, 1e, and 1g of Article II of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to modify the requirements for the initiative petition process to make it harder to change the Ohio Constitution through an initiative process but to make it easier to change the Ohio Revised Code – and guarantee the changes remain fixed for a period of time – through a citizen-initiative process.
- **SB 20** (Sen. Hackett) **Permanently Disabling Crime Specification**, voted out of the House, 11.28.18. The bill requires an additional prison term of 6 years for an offender who is convicted of felonious assault if the offender is also convicted of a specification that the victim suffered permanent disabling harm and that the victim was under 10 years of age at the time of the offense.
- **HB 68** (Rep. Anielski) **Voyeurism**, voted out of the Senate, 12.6.18. The bill creates the crimes of exploitation and gross exploitation of nursing home patients; it increases the penalty for voyeurism if the victim is “impaired” (ability to resist is reduced due to mental or physical condition or advanced age), and includes “impaired” persons (not just minors) as potential victims of pandering obscenity, pandering sexually oriented matter, and illegal use of a person in a nudity-oriented material or performance. The bill was amended to include **SB 235** (Sen. Eklund) which creates a procedure for a court to modify or terminate the **sex offender registration requirements** of certain youthful, low-risk sex offenders.
- **SB 231** (Sen. Gardner) **Violent Offenders**, voted out of the House, 12.6.18. The bill requires the Attorney General to create and maintain a registry of violent offenders.
- **SB 263** (Sen. Huffman) **Notary Publics**, voted out of the House, 12.6.18. The bill generally modernizes the notarization process and centralizes notary training and commission with a body selected by the Secretary of State.
- **SB 341** (Sens. Eklund, Obhof) **Drug Reform**, introduced 12.3.18. The bill expresses, in uncodified language, the intent of the General Assembly to develop and enact legislation to reform Ohio's drug sentencing laws. In accompanying comments to the press, the Senate President has said a drug reform bill or bills will be introduced next year, within the first group of 10 bills to be introduced.
- **Mark your calendars!** The **Judicial-Legislative Exchange** will take place on **5.1.19**, followed by a reception in conjunction with the Supreme Court and the OSBA welcoming the new General Assembly. If you are interested in participating in the Exchange or attending the reception that night, please contact [Justin.Long@sc.ohio.gov](mailto:Justin.Long@sc.ohio.gov). The annual reception of the Ohio Council of County Officials is scheduled for **4.9.19** at the Statehouse.

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



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