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**Legislation and Policy in the News:**

[Chief Justice Forceful Advocate for Criminal Justice Reform; Dayton Daily, July 15, 2019](#)

[Ohio's Aisha's Law Shows the Complexities and Detours of Legislative Process; cleveland.com, July 19, 2019](#)

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**Legislative News: Two Week Review**

- **HB 166** (Rep. Oelslager) **Biennial Budget**, signed by the Governor 7.17.19. Most provisions of the appropriations budget go into effect immediately; provisions without appropriations go into effects 90 days after the Governor’s signature. The final version of the budget contained, among many other provisions: voluntary TCAP in every county; increased funding for indigent defense reimbursement; increased funding for specialized dockets through Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services; continued funding for specialized docket payroll subsidies, which may also be used for treatment and recovery supports; an extension of the Driver’s License Reinstatement Fee Amnesty Program to 12.31.19; authority for a parent in a crisis situation to voluntarily enter into a host family agreement; corrections to the juvenile/domestic relations jurisdiction transfer provisions in Secs. 2151.233 - .236.

- The Governor vetoed a provision in the budget that would have created a court reimbursement program for medication-assisted treatment; the provision was vetoed because it was specific to Vivitrol, with no reimbursement for other addiction treatments.

- The final version of the budget does not contain language about ODRC transferring APA personnel to supervision of PRC only. The language included in the budget allows certain counties to opt to get funding rather than services from ODRC. More information to come.**



- At the 7.19.19 meeting of the Supreme Court’s Commission on the Rules of Practice and Procedure, several proposals were voted to be open for public comment. Among them:
  - A proposal to allow magistrates to periodically preside over an adult court specialized docket, when the judge is unavailable, and only in accordance with the Rules of the Specialized Docket Commission
  - A proposal to make changes to several pre-trial procedures in civil cases, including waiver of service
  - A proposal to change Rule 46 to encourage use of a risk assessment in determining bail
  - Proposals to change evidence rules in domestic violence cases were tabled because more work needed to be done to prevent conflict with the confrontation clause
- The Attorney General’s Office updated the **forms for sex offenders** who are required to register. They are available on our [website](#).
- Mark your calendars! The OJC’s **Annual Meeting, “Courtrooms, Cameras, and Building Public Confidence,”** is September 12 & 13. It is accredited for a total of 12.0 judicial education hours. [Registration](#) is open until 8.21.19. For a schedule of sessions and other information, please see the [OJC website](#) or contact [Trina.Bennington@sc.ohio.gov](mailto:Trina.Bennington@sc.ohio.gov).

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