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## Legislation and Policy in the News:

[Ohio Governor Delays Execution Due to Juror's Concerns; \*cleveland.com\*, February 8, 2018](#)

[Criminal Justice Reformers Aim Big by Targeting Local DA Races; \*NBC News\*, February 14, 2018](#)

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## Legislative News: Two Week Review

- **SB 70** (Sen. Coley) **Child Support Changes**, signed by Governor 2.8.18. The bill, which will be effective 9 months after the Governor's signature, makes mostly technical changes to child support laws. Similar to current law, the bill provides that no person shall fail to provide support pursuant to a court order, but adds the requirement that an amount for support (a) was due and owing prior to the termination of the duty to support and (b) remains unpaid. In response to *State v. Pittman*, 2016-Ohio-8314, the statute of limitations for prosecution for nonsupport now begins to run on the date the person's duty to pay current support terminates.
- **HB 496** (Rep. Kelly) **Assault of Transit Worker**, introduced 2.6.18. The bill makes assault an F5 (F4 if repeat offense) if the victim is a transit bus or rail car operator or transit maintenance worker. A court may impose a fine of up to \$5,000 and may prohibit the offender from riding any Ohio transit system bus or rail car for six months.
- **HB 497** (Reps. Manning, Rogers) **Dissemination of Sexual Images**, introduced 2.13.18. The bill prohibits the nonconsensual dissemination of private sexual images and requires that certain property involved in the offense be criminally forfeited. The bill also creates certain legal rights and employment protections for a victim of the offense.
- **HB 498** (Rep. Schuring) **Resisting Arrest**, introduced 2.13.18. The bill would classify "resisting arrest" as an offense of violence. It also increases the penalty for resisting arrest from an M2 to an M1, and to an F5 (from an M1) if a weapon is brandished or if a law enforcement officer is physically harmed.
- **HB 510** (Rep. Galonski) **Parent Rights; Deceased Adult Child**, introduced 2.14.18. The bill clarifies that a parent exercising the right of disposition of a deceased adult child's remains is not required to obtain consent from another parent who has abandoned that child but is required to make a good faith effort (recorded by the funeral director) to notify that parent. For purposes of this statute, a child is considered abandoned if the parent has failed to maintain contact with the child for more than one consecutive year, regardless of whether the parent resumes contact with the child after that period of one year.
- **HB 511** (Rep. Lanese, Rogers) **Legal Age; Marriage**, introduced 2.14.18. The bill allows marriage only after the age of 18 and does not allow for an exception with consent of parents or guardians.
- The Ohio Domestic Violence Network and other state partners are hosting a CLE-accredited training, "[Responding to Violence Against Ohio's Children](#)", being held at Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center in Lewis Center on March 22-23, 2018

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



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