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Legislation and Policy in the News:

[U.S. Senate Passes Bill to Fight Heroin, Opioid Addiction; cleveland.com, March 11, 2016](#)

[Ohio AG to Offer Grants for Drug Prevention Programs; Dayton Business Journal, March 16, 2016](#)

[Inmate Can Face Execution Again After Failed Attempt. Supreme Court Rules; Columbus Dispatch, March 16, 2016](#)

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Legislative News: Two Week Review

- **SB 223** (Sen. Bacon), **Insurance and Subrogated Claims**, to become effective 3.23.16. One provision of the bill specifically addresses a recent change made to Sec. 2323.44 (Rights of Subrogee) and enacted in 2015 HB 64. Under HB 64, if a subrogee asserts a claim and the full value of the tort action is not recovered, the subrogee's claim is also reduced, proportionately. SB 223 exempts from this provision multiple employer welfare arrangements, health insuring corporations, and sickness and accident insurers.
- **SB 290** (Sen. Williams) **Neighborhood Protection Act**, introduced 3.7.16. The bill would authorize an organized residential entity with defined boundaries to seek an injunction to keep certain repeat offenders – those who have committed certain crimes 3 or more times within the boundaries of the residential entity – from entering the area. Crimes that could lead to such an injunction include murder, rape, robbery, participating in a criminal gang, drug trafficking, compelling prostitution, vandalism, and theft of a value more than \$500. The injunction lasts a year unless dissolved by the court and can be renewed.
- **SB 292** (Sen. Lehner) **Civil Liability**, introduced 3.10.16. This is a companion bill to HB 488 introduced in the House.
- **HB 488** (Rep. Sprague) **Civil Liability**, introduced 3.8.16. The bill modifies the qualified immunity from civil liability for volunteer health care services provided to indigent and uninsured persons.
- Joint Legislative Committee on Multi-System Youth met 3.16.16 to hear testimony from the Juvenile Justice Alliance about the juvenile justice system and service coordination for youth. When asked by the Committee what needed to be funded in Ohio, the answer was service coordination for youth older than 0 – 3 years.
- The Sentencing Commission met, 3.17.16. The Commission is working jointly with the Recodification Committee to craft a [recommendation for a change to the SORN law](#); namely, to retain mandatory registration for the highest-tier offenders but return judicial discretion to decisions concerning first-time low-level and low-risk offenders. The recommendation includes a process for "de-registration." According to the Sentencing Commission, there is no clear evidence that registration deters sexual offenders, helps in the apprehension of sexual offenders, or makes the public safer.
- The Center for Community Solutions published a [fact sheet](#) about syringe exchange programs in Ohio, 3.7.16.
- Mark your calendars: The Ohio Council of County Officials Annual Legislative Reception is planned for April 13 in the Statehouse Atrium, from 5:00 to 7:00.

For a complete list of bills that affect the judiciary, please visit the [OJC website](#).



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