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Legislation and Policy in the News:

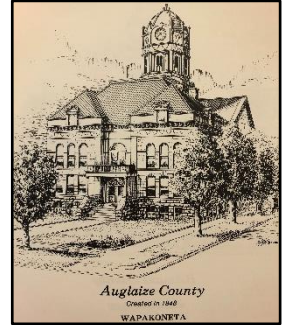
['There is No Oversight': Staff Cuts Leave Ohio Prison Inspections to Interns; Cleveland Plain Dealer, January 22, 2019](#)

[Some U.S. Police Departments Dump Body Camera Programs Amid High Costs; Washington Post; January 21, 2019](#)

The Ohio Judicial Conference is dedicated to serving all Ohio judges. It is the voice of the judiciary and the primary resource to ensure the fair, unbiased, open, and effective administration of justice.

Legislative News: Two Week Review

- The Chief Justice has convened a [Task Force to Examine the Ohio Bail System](#), which first met 1.23.19. Recommendations of the Task Force, expected in April 2019, will focus on ensuring public safety as well a defendant's appearance at future court hearings. The 24-member Task Force will hear presentation about and discuss risk assessment tools, recognizance bonds, pretrial monitoring, and cash and secured bonds.
- [SR 10](#) (Sens. Huffman, McColley) **Honoring Auglaize County Courthouse**, introduced 1.29.19. The resolution honors the Auglaize County Courthouse on its 125th Anniversary.
- The Supreme Court was asked, on 1.14.19 in a [memorandum of support from the Public Defender](#), to clarify language from 2017 HB 49 which **capped prison sentences for community control violations** to 90 and 180 days for underlying F5s and F4s, respectively (RC 2929.15). The memorandum asserts that "prison sentences for all violations not based upon felony-level criminal conduct should be subject to the statute's caps."
- The Ohio Public Defender has [updated](#) the **Standards and Guidelines for Appointed Counsel Reimbursement**, the State Maximum Fee Schedule for Appointed Counsel Reimbursement, the County Public Defender Office Reimbursement Standards, and the State Public Defender Billing, Payment and Reimbursement.
- Rep. Sykes was chosen as the House Minority Leader, 1.23.19. The other leadership positions of the house Minority Caucus are: Rep. Boggs (assistant Minority Leader), Rep. Smith (Minority Whip), and Rep. Hicks-Hudson (assistant Minority Whip).
- The [OJC Court Tech Conference](#) is taking place 4.16.19 with vendor networking opportunities and presentations on e-reminders to reduce warrants; cloud-based video conferencing; and making big tech purchases. Court personnel can [register](#) online.
- **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.
- **Need data analysis or information that requires data research?** The Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission's research division may be able to help. If you have data but need to assess it to determine the effectiveness of a program or to explain it to a funding source, or, if you have an interest in participating in the current data projects of the OCSC, consider utilizing the services of the OCSC by contacting Lisa.Hickman@sc.ohio.gov.



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