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Legislation and Policy in the News:

[Can Gov. Kasich Veto Ohio's Stand Your Ground Bill?: cleveland.com, November 16, 2018](http://cleveland.com)

[After Arrests for Pike County Murders, Yost & GOP Lawmakers Seek Money for Capital Cases; Canton Repository, November 20, 2018](#)

[Lame Duck Promises Marathon Lawmaking; Cincinnati Enquirer, November 26, 2018](#)

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Legislative News: Two Week Review

- **HB 228** (Reps. Johnson, LaTourette) **Stand Your Ground Bill**, voted out of the House, 11.14.18. If someone claims self-defense in using force, the bill shifts the burden of proof to the state to show beyond a reasonable doubt that the person was not using force to protect him/herself, another person, or his/her residence. The bill limits the duty to retreat (thus expanding the right to use force), and expands the ability of a person to sue over a local firearm regulation. The bill is similar to [SB 180](#) (Sens. Hottinger, Uecker), except that it contains additional provisions, including making certain unlawful transactions in weapons F3 offenses and making a landlord's ban of weapons unenforceable against a tenant. Governor Kasich has said he will veto the bill if it gets to his desk (see accompanying article at left).
- **SB 335** (Sen. Tavares) **Disqualification of Supreme Court Justice**, introduced 11.15.18. The bill requests that the Supreme Court adopt a rule that requires the disqualification of a Justice of the Supreme Court in a case before the Supreme Court if a party to that case contributed to the campaign committee of that Justice.
- **HB 767** (Rep. R. Brown) **Office of Drug Policy**, introduced 11.15.18. The bill establishes an Office of Drug Policy within the Governor's office. The Office of Drug Policy would coordinate drug-related efforts, share information, formulate policy, seek funding, remove existing barriers to treatment, and establish a phone hotline to help local communities. The Office of Drug Policy would be required to report quarterly.
- The Ohio Attorney General published an opinion, [2018-027](#), addressing a **sheriff's duty to secure a courthouse**. Among other findings, the opinion concludes that the duty of a county sheriff to secure a courthouse pursuant to R.C. 311.07(A) necessarily implies the authority to make decisions about the provision of security, subject, to the direction of the county commissioners and the inherent authority of a court to secure and safeguard its free and untrammelled exercise of judicial functions.
- Pursuant to **HB 95**, the Department of Public Safety has made available an online course for people ticketed for **distracted driving**. The course can be located on the [BMV website](#).



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