

Legislative News: Two Week Review



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Legislation and Policy in the News:

[Ohio-based court rules tire-chalking for parking enforcement unconstitutional: Columbus Dispatch, April 23, 2019](#)

[Columbus wants to reduce penalties for marijuana possession; WOSU, April 25, 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.

- [HB 166](#) (Rep. Oelslager) **Biennial Budget**, introduced 3.22.19:



- [HB 205](#) (Rep. Galonski) **Good Samaritan Expansion**, introduced 4.16.19. Current law allows a limited immunity (for minor misdemeanor drug possession, RC 2925.01 (EE)) for anyone seeking medical help (for self or someone else) during an overdose. The bill expands current law so that the immunity applies also to violations of RC 2925.12 (possession of drug abuse instruments), RC 2925.14(C)(1) (possession of drug paraphernalia), or RC 2925.141 (possession of marijuana paraphernalia).
- [HB 208](#) (Reps. Roemer and J. Miller) **Assault Penalties**, introduced 4.18.19. The bill increases the penalty for assault if the victim is acting as a sports official or the assault is committed in retaliation for the victim's actions as a sports official. See also [SB 118](#).
- [HB 209](#) (Reps. Carruthers, Kick) **Dower**, introduced 4.18.19. The bill abolishes estate by dower.
- [SB 133](#) (Sens. Manning and O'Brien) and [HB 215](#) (Reps. Boggs and Carfagna) **Post-Release Monitoring**, introduced 4.22.19 and 4.23.19, respectively. The bills pertain to post-release supervision: it requires the Criminal Sentencing Commission to establish an ad hoc committee to study offender supervision; it establishes parameters and requirements for the use of GPS monitoring device, including 24-hour real-time supervision and law-enforcement access through LEADS; it requires DRC to establish re-entry programs for certain offenders; it requires the establishment, by the APA, of standards for supervision caseload and workload.
- [SB 134](#) (Sen. Gavarone) **School Bus Passing**, introduced 4.22.19. The bill expands the offenses of aggravated vehicular homicide and assault to include causing death or serious physical harm when failing to stop for a stopped school bus; and increases possible penalties for failing to stop at a stopped school bus.
- [SB 13](#) (Sen. Fedor) **Juvenile Human Trafficking Victims**, substitute bill accepted 4.24.19. Among other things, the substitute bill extends the Safe Harbor abeyance period up to 18-months. This extension is an OJC Legislative Platform item.
- The Governor's **Distracted Driving Task Force** has released its [Report and Recommendations](#), 4.25.19, including making touching a mobile electronic device while driving a primary offense, increasing fines and penalties for distracted driving, and highlighting the issue in the driver's education curriculum. Under current law, texting while driving is illegal, but it is only a primary offense for drivers younger than 18.

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