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Legislation and Policy in the News:

[Study: Ohio Black Homicide Victimization Rate Higher Than National Average; Portsmouth Daily Times; April 22, 2018](#)

[Politicians Need to Take Note of Needles and ZIP Codes in Opioid Crisis; cleveland.com, April 26, 2018](#)

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Legislative News: Two Week Review

- [SB 290](#) (Sen. Burke) **Misleading Caller Identification**, introduced 4.11.18. The bill creates offenses of theft or conversion of a telephone number or exchange and providing misleading caller identification information, known as “spoofing”. The bill bars a person from using a phone number not assigned to the person with the intent to defraud, cause harm or wrongfully obtain something of value.
- [SB 291](#) (Sen. Coley) **Host Family Affidavits**, introduced 4.23.18. The bill authorizes host-family organizations to take temporary custody of children whose parents are temporarily unable to provide care.
- [HB 607](#) (Rep. Wiggam) **Wayne County Court**, introduced 4.19.18. The bill eliminates the current requirement that one of the judges of the Wayne County Municipal Court sit within the municipal corporation of Orrville.
- [HB 609](#) (Rep. Hughes) **Threats of School Violence**, introduced 4.19.18. Under the bill, if a student communicates a threat (verbally, in writing, or electronically) to physically harm people or property while on school grounds, in a school bus, or at a school event, the student can be expelled for no more than 60 days. If the student is required by the Board to undergo an assessment and fails to do so, the expulsion can extend to up to a year.
- [HB 612](#) (Rep. Perales) **Child Abuse Registry**, introduced 4.19.18. The bill requires the Attorney General to create and maintain a child abuse registry with the following information: name and alias of offender, the offense, the last known address of offender, the place of employment of offender, and the school offender attends. The information is to be publicly available on the Attorney General’s website and is to be updated every 30 days.
- On 4.23.18, Governor Kasich signed [Executive Order 2018-03K](#) calling for a review of local efforts to report individuals who are **barred from buying guns**. The Office of Criminal Justice Services, Bureau of Criminal Investigation and the Supreme Court have until 8.1.18 to make policy recommendations and issue a manual for local officials.
- [HB 49](#), the biennial budget, contained a mandate that the Ohio Department of Medicaid seek federal approval to implement [work requirements for the Medicaid expansion population](#). ODM will submit Ohio’s request for such approval by the end of this month, with implementation expected in 2019. Under [RC 5166.37](#), exceptions to the work requirements will include people over age 55, enrolled in school or occupational training, participating in an alcohol or drug addiction treatment program, or with intensive physical health care needs or serious mental illness. It is not clear whether people on a waiting list for treatment programs will be exempt.

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



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