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### Legislation and Policy in the News:

[Could Ohio, Other States, Lose Exemption From Marijuana Prosecution?; Columbus Dispatch, December 11, 2017](#)

[Ohio Adult, Youth Prison Agencies Merging Office Functions; Associated Press, December 12, 2017](#)

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## Legislative News: Two Week Review

- **HB 215** (Rep. Reidel) **Paulding Municipal Court**, signed by the Governor, 12.22.17. The bill abolishes the county court in Paulding County and creates the Paulding County Municipal Court, with an election of a judge in 2019.
- **HB 223** (Rep. Dever) **Structured Settlements and IOLTA Amendment**, signed by the Governor, 12.22.17. The bill mostly adopts the NCOIL Model Structured Settlement Protection Act. The bill was amended to create a special type of IOLTA account that can be used to hold nominal fiduciary funds for a short period of time, with approval of the probate court.
- **SB 244** (Sens. Dolan, Manning) **Promoting Prostitution**, introduced 12.18.17. The bill enumerates specific circumstances when promoting prostitution (usually an F4) can be sentenced as an F3 (if connected with drug trafficking or a repeat offense) or an F2 (if two prior offenses).
- **HB 283** (Rep. Rezabek) **Adoption Jurisdiction**, voted out of the House and sent to the Senate, 12.13.17. The bill requires a juvenile court to provide written consent to the probate court to initiate adoption proceedings for certain cases involving abused, neglected, or dependent children in the temporary custody of a PCSA or private adoption agency. The bill clarifies court jurisdiction in response to *State ex rel. Allen Cty. Children Servs. Bd. v. Mercer Cty. Common Pleas Court (Probate Div., 150 Ohio St.3d 230, 2016-Ohio-7382)*.
- **HB 336** (Reps. Barnes, Greenspan) **License Reinstatement**, voted out of the House and sent to Senate, 12.13.17. The bill creates a one-time license reinstatement fee amnesty but not if the underlying offense(s) involved alcohol, drugs, or a deadly weapon.
- **HB 446** (Reps. Rogers, Seitz) **Power of Attorney**, introduced 12.12.17. The bill prohibits a person from refusing to accept a power of attorney for a transaction.
- **HB 448** (Reps. Boyd, LaTourette) **Sibling Rights**, introduced 12.12.17. The bill creates visitation rights for siblings in divorce cases, adoption cases, and abuse, neglect, and dependency cases.
- **HB 451** (Rep. Retherford) **Victims of Crime and Public Records**, introduced 12.13.17. The bill excludes from the definition of "public record" any depiction of a crime victim, if the depiction would be considered an "offensive and objectionable" intrusion of privacy, or if the depiction is of a victim of a sexually-oriented offense.

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