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Legislation and Policy in the News:

[Ohio Rape Kit Prosecutions in Older Cases Still Rare; cleveland.com, October 22, 2018](http://cleveland.com)

[Keep Issue 1 Provisions Out of Ohio Constitution; The Vindicator, October 26, 2018](#)

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 [fiscal analysis of Issue 1](#) was published 10.11.18. It was developed under a requirement that the Office of Budget and Management assess state budgetary impacts of statewide ballot issues, found that the presumed savings for the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction would likely not materialize as expected and the changes could, in fact, result in additional costs into the "tens of millions."
- Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Senator Kevin Bacon laid out the priorities of the Committee in lame duck, 10.25.18: [SB 207](#) (Sen. Kunze) Strangulation; [SB 250](#) (Sen. Hoagland) Trespass on Critical Infrastructure; [SB 248](#) (Sens. Eklund, Sykes) or [HB 411](#) (Reps. Seitz, Sykes) Wrongful Imprisonment; [HB 38](#) (Rep. Greenspan) Penalties for Attacks on First Responders; and [HB 68](#) (Rep. Anielski) Voyeurism Victimized the Impaired and Elderly.
- [HB 405](#) (Rep. Perales) **Counterfeiting**, signed by the Governor, 10.23.18. The bill defines counterfeiting, makes it a crime (F4 up to F1, depending on the value counterfeited) and clarifies that counterfeiting is a "corrupt activity," for purposes of proving organized crime. "Counterfeiting" does not replace Theft, Forgery, or Criminal Simulation, but can be an allied crime of similar import.
- [Federal HR 6](#) was signed into law. 10.24.18. One part of the bill, the **Opioid Crisis Act**, reauthorizes and extends federal funding for targeted opioid response grants that were created under the 21st Century CURES Act. Another part of the bill, the **HEAL Act of 2018**, (1) clarifies states' abilities to provide care under Medicaid for infants with neonatal abstinence syndrome and to provide counseling and other services to their mothers; and (2) expands options for states to provide substance use disorder treatment via telehealth. A wide variety of anti-drug-trafficking and substance abuse prevention programs within the Department of Justice were reauthorized in the bill.
- The Commission on the Rules of Practice and Procedure is seeking public comment until November 21 on [Sup.R. 12](#) concerning the photographing and broadcasting of jurors.
- Franklin County is one of 12 locations to receive a MacArthur Foundation grant to design and test [innovative criminal justice reforms](#), 10.25.18. Lucas County's grant was extended. The grants are for innovative local justice reforms designed to safely drive down jail usage and reduce racial and ethnic disparities in their local justice systems.
- Non-profit Fulton & Waite Scholars helps pair minority law students with judges for **externships** (2 weeks) and **internships** (10 weeks). If you're interested in participating next summer (2019), please email johnchristian@fwscholars.org. More information at: www.fwscholars.org.

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