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Legislation and Policy in the News:

[Should Ohio Pay Wrongfully Imprisoned Ex-Inmates if Prosecutors Withhold Evidence?; cleveland.com, April 5, 2018](#)

[Reagan Tokes Bill Called Opportunistic Political Move in Election Year; Columbus Dispatch, April 13, 2018](#)

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Legislative News: Two Week Review

- [HB 1](#) (Rep. Sykes) **Dating Violence**, signed by the Governor 4.5.18. The bill becomes effective 90 days after signature. The bill authorizes a domestic relations court to issue a protection order to protect a "person alleging dating violence."
- [SB 288](#) (Sens. Eklund, Kunze) **Firearms**, introduced 4.9.18. This bill is a companion to HB 585, which is described below.
- [SB 289](#) (Sen. Kunze) **Threats of School Violence**, introduced 4.9.18. 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 585](#) (Rep. Henne) **Firearms**, introduced 4.5.18. The bill expands the definition of dangerous ordnance to include armor-piercing ammunition and expands the definition of an automatic firearm to include any device within the federal definition of "machine gun." The bill expands the conditions under which a person may not possess a firearm (if under indictment for any felony offense, if convicted of domestic violence or violation of protection order, if the subject of a protection order including an extreme risk protection order, if dishonorably discharged from armed forces, if prohibited from gun ownership under federal law, and if renounced citizenship) and eliminates the ability to apply for relief from a weapons disability. The bill prohibits a person from buying, purchasing, obtaining, or furnishing a firearm on behalf of a third party. The bill also creates an extreme risk protection order, to be issued by a domestic relations court and requires that all protection orders be entered into LEADS within 24 hours and that they be in a format that can be submitted to the federal NCIC database.
- [HB 592](#) (Rep. Ramos) **Record Sealing**, introduced 4.10.18. The bill permits sealing of records pertaining to multiple criminal offenses that resulted from drug-seeking behavior if the offender has successfully completed a drug treatment program
- [HB 595](#) (Reps. Cupp, Rezabek) **Probate Omnibus**, introduced 4.10.18. The bill impacts probate law generally and in particular the procedures for a testator to file a declaratory judgment action to declare the validity of a will prior to death and the settlor of a trust to file such an action to declare its validity; exceptions to anti-lapse provisions in class gifts in wills and trusts; incorporation of a written trust into a will; trusts for a minor; arbitration of trust disputes; the creation of county and multicounty guardianship services boards; and a coroner's disposition of person dying of suspicious or unusual death.

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