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**Legislation and Policy in the News:**

[New ruling: Public records appeals process does not cover court records; Columbus Dispatch, June 6, 2017](#)

[Common Sense Plan Guarantees Crime Victim Rights; Zanesville Recorder, June 6, 2017](#)

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**Legislative News: Two Week Review**

- **SB 25** (Sen. Hottinger) **Perry County Court**, voted out of the House, 6.7.17. The bill creates a Perry County Municipal Court in New Lexington in January 2018.
- **HB 49** (Rep. Smith R.) **Operating Budget**, voted out of the House, 5.2.17. The Senate is expected to vote on the budget on 6.21.17; then the bill will go to a conference committee to harmonize changes between the chambers.



- **HB 68** (Rep. Anielski) **Voyeurism**, voted out of the House, 6.7.17. When a victim is an impaired person, the bill imposes the same penalties for certain obscenity crimes as when the victim is a minor.
- **SB 159** (Sen. Williams) **Sealing Records after Pardon**, introduced 6.1.17. The bill allows a person to apply to seal records related to a conviction for which the person was pardoned. That application is reviewed under RC 2953.52, which governs sealing dismissals, findings of not guilty, and no bills.
- **SB 160** (Sen. Williams) **License Fees**, introduced 6.1.17. The bill allows a person to pay for drivers' license reinstatement fees through community service, if the person is found to be unable to pay the fees. The court is to provide the person with documentation of the completed community service, which the person presents to BMV.
- **HB 259** (Reps. Seitz, West) **Violent Offense Registry**, introduced 6.6.17. The bill requires the Attorney General to establish a database of people who have committed an offense of violence at certain premises with liquor permits and to provide database access to holders of those liquor permits.
- **HB 260** (Reps. Butler, Sykes) **License Suspension**, introduced 6.6.17. The bill would require a court to grant limited driving privileges if (1) the offense triggering the license suspension is not related to the operation of a vehicle and (2) the offense is not one that requires the suspension of a license because of the involvement of a vehicle. Under current law, child support non-payment suspensions, discretionary drug offense suspensions, and several types of juvenile suspensions would be impacted by the bill.
- The **Criminal Recodification Committee** is expected to vote on 6.15.17 on the finalized 4,000+ page draft of its legislative recommendations. The OJC is working to summarize.
- The 2017 OJC Annual Meeting, "**Adapting Justice to a Dynamic Society**," will take place in Columbus from 8.31.17 to 9.1.17. Look for registration information soon!
- OSBA is currently accepting [nominations](#) for the 2017 **Thomas J. Moyer Award for Judicial Excellence**. The deadline for nominations is 6.23.17.

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



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