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Legislation and Policy in the News:

[Adult Protective Services Case Study of Seven Counties; Center for Community Solutions, June 18, 2018](#)

[Supreme Court Will Decide if Civil Forfeiture Violates the Eighth Amendment; Forbes, June 19, 2018](#)

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Legislative News: Two Week Review

- **SB 1** (Sen. LaRose) **Fentanyl**, House conferees named, 6.21.18. The bill increases penalties for drug trafficking and possession offenses that involve fentanyl. The bill was amended in the House to provide an affirmative defense as well as to exclude use of the penalty increase for fentanyl under certain circumstances if mixed with marijuana only (the Senate version contemplated mixing with marijuana or other drugs under a certain weight).
- **SB 4** (Sens. Kunze, Oelslager) **ILC and Record Expungement**, passed the House, 6.20.18. The bill expands ILC and allows a person to expunge records if the records are related to charges that were dismissed or ended in a not guilty finding due to being a victim of human trafficking. Exceptions to expungement are Murder, Agg Murder, and Rape. An additional judicial balancing test is required for expunging any F1 or F2.
- **HB 296** (Rep. Gavorone) **Drug Penalties**, passed by the House, 6.20.18. The bill increases penalties for Trafficking and Agg Trafficking if committed near a community addiction services provider, like a methadone clinic, if the offender recklessly disregards the proximity.
- **HB 365** (Rep. Hughes) **Indeterminate Sentencing and Supervision on Re-Entry**, passed by the House, 6.20.18. The bill makes F1, F2, and some F3 prison terms indefinite with presumptive release at the minimum term; it allows DRC to keep the offender in prison up to the maximum term; it requires DRC to establish a reentry program for all released offenders who need to live in a facility but have not been accepted into one; it requires GPS monitoring for certain released offenders; and it requires DRC to operate a statewide database of certain released offenders. The bill is named after murder victim Regan Tokes.
- **HB 708** (Rep. Becker) **Public Pensions**, introduced 6.20.18. The bill prevents an individual retiring from one of the state's public retirement systems who is re-employed as a public employee to receive the pension portion of the retirement allowance during the period of re-employment.
- U.S. Senators Portman and Brown are accepting [applications](#) to fill the **vacancy on the U.S. District Court** for the Southern District of Ohio. Applicants must email the completed application to Ohio.Nominations@portman.senate.gov and mail 18 copies to the Judicial Nominations Coordinator, Office of U.S. Senator Rob Portman, 37 West Broad Street, Suite 300, Columbus, Ohio 43215 by 5 p.m., 7.6.18.
- [The Ohio Supreme Court](#) has released a [new grand jury video](#) and [pamphlet](#) available to all Ohio judges, courts, and schools as a way to educate potential grand jury members and the public. For more information, or to request a copy of the video, please contact Justin.Long@sc.ohio.gov.

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



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