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Legislation and Policy in the News:

[Driving While High: Offenders Don't Think They'll Be Arrested; CBS News, June 19, 2019](#)

[Stunned Over Sentence in Chiropractor Sex Abuse Case, Ohio Lawmakers Propose Changes; 10TV, June 18, 2019](#)

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Legislative News: Two Week Review

- **HB 166** (Rep. Oelslager) **Biennial Budget**, passed by the House, 5.9.19:
 - The Senate version of the bill contains several provisions of note, including:
 - Voluntary TCAP in every county
 - Increased funding for indigent defense reimbursement
 - Increased funding for specialized dockets
 - Continued funding for specialized docket payroll subsidies, which may also be used for treatment and recovery supports
 - An extension of the Driver's License Reinstatement Fee Amnesty Program to 12.31.19



- **HB 1** (Rep. Plummer, Hicks Hudson) **ILC and Record Sealing**, voted out of the House, 6.19.19. The bill caps the length of treatment plans to 5 years and expands record sealing eligibility, as well as shortening the waiting period to apply for record sealing. The bill expands ILC use by requiring a hearing on ILC if the offender avers the criminal conduct was the result of alcohol or drug dependency and requiring the judge, if denying ILC, to state the reasons for denying ILC.
- **HB 10** (Rep. Brown, Stoltzfus) **Drug Policy Office**, unanimously voted out of the House, 6.13.19. The bill creates the Governor's Office of Drug Policy appropriates \$5.5 million to fund its initiatives.
- **HB 277** (Reps. Plummer, West) **Custodial Interrogations**, introduced 6.6.19. The bill requires electronic recording of custodial interrogations. Although statements from an interrogation may be admitted as evidence even if the interrogation is not recorded, in certain circumstances, the court will be required to provide a cautionary instruction to the jury that the failure to record the interrogation is a violation of state law.
- **HB 285** (Reps. Brent, Greenspan) **Driver's License Reinstatement Fee Amnesty**, introduced 6.12.19. The bill creates a permanent driver's license reinstatement fee amnesty program. The amnesty program applies to indigent drivers as well as to people who, although not indigent, have had a license suspended for at least 18 months.
- **SB 160** (Sens. O'Brien, Rulli) **Record Expungement**, introduced 6.10.19. The bill allows for the expungement (not sealing) of records of convictions that, depending on the category of the offense, are at least 10, 15, or 20 years old. The bill eliminates the waiting period for sealing a record related to a no bill.
- **SB 162** (Sens. Antonio, O'Brien) **Eliminate Statute of Limitations for Rape**, introduced 6.10.19. The bill eliminates the spousal exceptions for certain sex offenses and permits a person to testify against the person's spouse in a prosecution for any of those offenses. The bill eliminates the statute of limitations for the criminal prosecution of a person for rape and for a civil action brought by a victim of conduct that would constitute rape. See also HB 279 (Reps. Boggs, Galonski)

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