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### **Legislation and Policy in the News:**

[Issue 1 Ohio Crime Victims Amendment Has Its Critics; Columbus Dispatch, September 19, 2017](#)

[School Bullies Would Face Mandatory Suspensions; cleveland.com, September 27, 2017](#)

[New Ohio Prison Law Could Cost Butler County Millions; Dayton Daily News, September 28, 2017](#)

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## Legislative News: Two Week Review

- [SB 198](#) (Sen. Yuko) **Marriage Ages**, introduced 9.20.17. The bill requires that people be 18 years old to marry and allows for marriage of 16- and 17-year-olds only if certain requirements are met. The bill also enumerates circumstances under which a parent's approval is not required for a minor to marry.
- [SB 200](#) (Sen. Thomas), **Jury Source Lists**, introduced 9.26.17. The bill requires names from the BMV to be included on the annual jury source list compiled by jury commissioners.
- [SB 201](#), [SB 202](#) (Sens. Bacon, O'Brien) **Indeterminate Sentencing and Electronic Monitoring**, introduced 9.27.17. The two bills, a reaction to a recently-released inmate charged with a murder, separately (1) create an indeterminate sentencing scheme with a "tail" that may or may not be served and (2) create a re-entry program and electronic monitoring of recently released inmates who do not have established housing upon release.
- [HB 215](#) (Rep. Riedel) **Paulding Courts**, voted out of the House, 9.18.17. The bill creates the Paulding County Municipal Court with one full-time judgeship on 1.1.19.
- [HB 348](#) (Rep. Ginter) **Drug Trafficking**, introduced 9.19.17. The bill makes the penalty for trafficking in, possession of, or funding of trafficking in fentanyl or carfentanil the same as the penalties for heroin; it makes trafficking or possession of 1g to 5g of those drugs and deception to obtain a dangerous drug involving fentanyl or carfentanil F3s; and it makes the per se prohibited concentration of fentanyl and carfentanil the same as heroin.
- [HB 349](#) (Rep. LaTourette) **Police Animals**, introduced 9.19.17. The bill increases the penalty for assaulting a police animal (from F2 to F4; from F3 to F2 if death results) and to include search and rescue animals in the statute.
- [HB 352](#) (Reps. Huffman, Rezabek) **Dog Law**, introduced 9.20.17. Among other things, the bill requires that a court must order a dog to be humanely destroyed if the court finds that (1) the dog is a "vicious" dog and (2) the dog has killed a person or animal. (see also [SB 195](#)).
- [HB 354](#) (Rep. Reineke) **Tiffin-Fostoria Court Drug Program**, introduced 9.20.17. The bill allows the Tiffin-Fostoria Municipal Court to have jurisdiction concurrent with the Seneca County Common Pleas Court to run a drug recovery program.
- [HB 355](#) (Rep. Rezabek) **Sexting**, introduced 9.21.17. The bill creates a separate sexting charge with penalty and diversion for minors who would, under current law, be charged with pandering obscenity involving a minor.
- Lou Tobin is leaving the OJC and, as of today, will serve as the Executive Director of the Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association. We wish him much luck!
- The Ohio Attorney General approved [puppy mill language](#) for a constitutional amendment in the first step to getting the item on the November 2019 ballot, 9.18.17.

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



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