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**Legislation and Policy in the News:**

[Mahoning County Drug Court Catches Attention of Ohio Governor; WYTV, March 12, 2019](#)

[Ohio Lawmakers Try Again to Restrict Red Light Cameras; WOSU, March 13, 2019](#)

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Legislative News: Two Week Review

- **132 SB 201 Indeterminate Sentencing for F1s and F2s**, becomes effective 3.22.19. Several analyses and bench aids are available; see the [OJC website](#) and the [Criminal Sentencing Commission website](#). To register for a Judicial College April 4 webinar on SB 201 implementation, log in to [OhioCourtEDU](#).
- **132 HB 595 Uniform Determination of Indigence**, becomes effective 3.22.19. A form has not yet been finalized, but a [draft](#) can be used in the interim.
- **HB 62** (Rep. Oelslager) **Transportation Budget**, passed out of the House, 3.7. 19. The bill includes language regarding traffic cameras and court jurisdiction effecting LGF funds.
- **SB 96** (Sens. Dolan, Yuko) **Cleveland Housing Court and Building Standards & Zoning**, introduced 3.11.19. The bill grants the Cleveland Housing Court jurisdiction in any review or appeal of a final order of an administrative body that relates to a local building, health, or safety code. Currently, these cases go to the common pleas court.
- **SB 99** (Sen. Thomas) **Mandatory Juvenile Bindovers**, introduced 3.11.19. The bill eliminates mandatory bindovers and reverse bindovers; it modifies the law governing a discretionary bindover of an alleged juvenile offender from a juvenile court to an adult court.
- **SB 100** (Sen. Thomas) **Parole Eligibility**, introduced 3.11.19. The bill expands parole eligibility for persons with an indefinite or life sentence imposed for an offense committed when the person was less than 18 years of age.
- **SB 103** (Sens. Dolan, Yuko) **Cleveland Housing Court & Felony Pollution Offenses**, introduced 3.13.19. The bill grants the Housing Division of the Cleveland Municipal Court concurrent jurisdiction with the Court of Common Pleas in criminal cases related to environmental pollution. Currently, the Housing Division can only hear misdemeanor cases.
- **HB 119** (Rep. Stoltzfus) **Traffic Violations**, introduced 3.5.19. The bill grants municipal and county courts original and exclusive jurisdiction over any civil action concerning a traffic law violation.
- On 3.12.19, Governor DeWine [announced](#) funding for an additional 30 **specialized dockets** to be included in his budget recommendations. \$2.5 million would be included in the budget for FY 2020 to add 15 specialized dockets and \$5 million in FY 2021 to support the newly created specialized dockets and fund an additional 15.
- **Mark your calendars!** The [OJC Court Tech Conference](#) is taking place **4.16.19** with presentations on e-reminders to reduce warrants and cloud-based video conferencing. Court personnel can [register](#) online. The **Judicial-Legislative Exchange** will take place on **5.1.19**, followed by a reception welcoming the new General Assembly. If you are interested in participating in the Exchange or attending the reception, contact [Justin.Long@sc.ohio.gov](mailto: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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