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Legislation and Policy in the News:

[Why the Death Penalty Has Lost Support From Both Parties; Governing, April 16, 2019](#)

[Governor Mike DeWine: End Statute of Limitations for Rape; cleveland.com, May 20, 2019](#)

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Legislative News: Two Week Review

- **HB 166** (Rep. Oelslager) **Biennial Budget**, passed by the House, 5.9.19:
 - 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



- **HB 1** (Reps. Hicks-Hudson, Plummer), **ILC and Record Sealing for Drug Charges**, introduced 5.21.19. The bill expands intervention in lieu of conviction by requiring an eligibility hearing on an application for ILC if the offender alleges that drugs or alcohol were factors of the underlying offense. It also removes the caps on F4 and F5 offenses on eligibility for ILC and raises the caps on specific felony and misdemeanor offenses. The bill also changes the waiting period (after final discharge) for applying for record sealing to 1 year for any F4 or F5 and 3 years for any F3.
- **HB 3** (Reps. Boyd, Carruthers) **Domestic Violence**, introduced 5.16.19. The bill, known as Aisha's Law, contains many provisions some of which are: in both civil and criminal domestic violence cases, the bill eliminates some hearsay prohibitions but usually requires other corroboration; the bill would also require a judge and support staff at a courthouse at all times to accept petitions for protection orders in all DR and juvenile jurisdictions; the bill makes purposely causing the death of a family member, if there is a prior domestic violence conviction, Aggravated Murder; and the bill makes committing domestic violence in front of children Endangering Children (an M1).
- **SB 55** (Sen. Gavarone) **Drug Trafficking Near Treatment Facility**, passed by the Senate 5.15.19. The bill increases penalties for most drug trafficking offenses when committed within 1,000 feet of an addiction treatment provider (the penalty increases vary, but are similar to penalty increases for trafficking in the vicinity of a school).
- **SB 152** (Sen. Huffman) **Failure to Maintain Car Insurance**, introduced 5.14.19. The bill caps the fee for license reinstatement at \$100 (currently, the fee starts at \$100, increases to \$300 at 2nd offense and \$600 at 3rd offense). The bill requires the Lima Municipal Court to establish a pilot program governing the repayment of driver's license reinstatement and court fees, and makes an appropriation.
 - The Supreme Court adopted of [amendments](#), effective 6.1.19, to the Ohio Code of Judicial Conduct to lengthen the time a judicial candidate's campaign can start soliciting contributions.
 - The Supreme Court has adopted the new [Certification Standard 12 Effectiveness Evaluation](#). The standard will require data collection from specialized dockets, which will become mandatory 7.1.19 with data reporting required by at least 8.15.19 and by the 15th of each month thereafter.

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