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Legislation and Policy in the News:

[Lift Legal Barriers that Keep Ohio Juvenile Judges from Housing Dangerous Juvenile Suspects in a More Secure County Jail: Editorial; cleveland.com, March 5, 2018](#)

[Glitch Results in No Jurors this Week; Winston-Salem Journal, February 27, 2018](#)

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Legislative News: Two Week Review

- **SB 244** (Sen. Dolan) **Promoting Prostitution Penalties**, passed out of Senate Judiciary Committee, 3.13.18. The bill enumerates specific circumstances when promoting prostitution (usually an F4) can be sentenced as an F3 (if connected with human trafficking) or an F2 (if a repeat offense).
- **HB 391** (Rep. Merrin) **Restitution**, passed out of House Criminal Justice Committee, 3.13.18. The bill includes, for purposes of calculating restitution, the cost of accounting done to determine the extent of economic loss as a type of economic loss. That amount cannot exceed the amount stolen and must be incurred by the victim to be ordered as restitution.
- **HB 411** (Rep. Seitz) **Wrongful Imprisonment**, passed out of House Government Accountability and Oversight Committee, 3.13.18. The bill modifies the process for asserting a wrongful imprisonment claim and expands eligibility for such a claim to wrongful imprisonment for misdemeanors (current law only applies to imprisonment for felonies).
- **HB 439** (Reps. Dever, Ginter) **Bail Reform**, substitute bill accepted, 3.13.18. The as-introduced bill prohibited the use of bond schedules and required collection of a significant amount of data. The substitute bill still requires courts (other than juvenile courts) to use a validated risk assessment tool in bail determinations; the data collection requirement has been minimized and the reporting is to the Supreme Court; bond schedules can be used when needed, but anyone with bond set under a schedule is entitled to a hearing.
- **HB 553** (Rep. Cupp) **Theft in Office**, introduced 3.13.18. The bill increases penalties for theft in office based on the amount of property or services stolen and includes as restitution certain audit costs of the entity that suffered the loss.
- **HB 555** (Reps. Sykes, West) **Retroactive Sentencing**, introduced 3.15.18. The bill makes a reduction of a penalty, forfeiture, or punishment apply retroactively when an offender was sentenced for the offense under the law in effect prior to the reduction, as long as the offense is not an offense of violence.
- The **Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision** released its [amended rules](#), which went into effect 3.1.18. and provide guidelines on how to handle the transfer of adult offenders from one state to another.
- The Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities will host the **"Marijuana Symposium: Medical Marijuana and the Workplace"** 4.25.18 in Columbus. Registration is available [online](#).
- The OJC's annual **Judicial-Legislative Exchange** is scheduled for Tuesday, April 24, 2018. If you are interested in participating this year, please contact Justin.Long@sc.ohio.gov.

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