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Legislation and Policy in the News:

[Sheriff's Office: Narcan Kits to be Given to At-Risk Jail Inmates Upon Release; Canton Repository, July 18, 2017](#)

[LETTERS: Make it Illegal for Doctors to Get paid by Drug Companies; Cincinnati Enquirer, July 21, 2017](#)

The Ohio Judicial Conference is dedicated to serving all Ohio judges. It is the voice of the judiciary and the primary resource to ensure the fair, unbiased, open, and effective administration of justice.

Legislative News: Two Week Review

- **CORRECTION:** The last newsletter was accompanied by an Enactment News summarizing [HB 49](#) which stated that the State Public Defender must reimburse county governments 100% of expenses incurred for indigent defense in capital cases. *This is inaccurate*, as this language, in its entirety, was removed from HB 49 before the bill's passage. The [Enactment News](#) on our website has been corrected and we apologize for any confusion.
- Montgomery County Juvenile Court and OJC Executive Committee member **Judge Anthony Capizzi** was named president of the [National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges](#), 7.16.17. Congratulations to Judge Capizzi!
- **HB 63** (Rep. Hughes) **Permanent Harm Specification**, signed by the Governor, 7.17.17. The bill creates a 6-year prison term specification for felonious assault if the offender used an accelerant in committing the offense and the harm caused by the violation resulted in a permanent, serious disfigurement or permanent, substantial incapacity. The bill goes into effect in 90 days.
- **HB 296** (Rep. Gavorone) **Drug Crimes Penalty Enhancement**, introduced 6.28.17. The bill increases penalties for certain drug crimes (Corrupting Another with Drugs, Aggravated Trafficking, Illegal Manufacture of Drugs, Illegal Assembly of Drugs, Illegal Dispensing of Drug Samples, and Counterfeit Controlled Substances) that are committed near a community addiction services provider, including a methadone clinic, regardless of whether the offender is aware of the proximity of a community addiction services provider.
- **HB 309** (Rep. Rezabek) **Blind Caregivers**, introduced 7.18.17. The bill prohibits a person's blindness from being used to deny or limit custody, parenting time, visitation, adoption, or service as a guardian or foster caregiver, regarding a minor.
- The **Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission**, which was sunsetted 7.1.17, submitted its [final report](#) to the General Assembly on 7.14.17. After four years of deliberations, the 600-page document contains a no-change approach to most sections considered by members, with debate (but no recommendations) around gender-neutral language, ballot initiative reform, and expanded legislative term limits.
- The Secretary of State announced on 7.17.17 that a proposed victims' rights constitutional amendment, dubbed "**Marsy's Law**," has enough valid signatures and will be on the November ballot as State Issue 1. The amendment would duplicate existing law about notifications to victims and also fundamentally alter rights of victims and the accused.
- The 2017 OJC Annual Meeting, "**Adapting Justice to a Dynamic Society**," will take place in Columbus from 8.31.17 to 9.1.17. Look for registration information in the mail, or register [online](#).

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



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