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Legislation and Policy in the News:

[What Happens to Police Departments that Collect More Fines? They Solve Fewer Crimes; Washington Post, September 24, 2018](#)

[Kasich Signs Orders on Gun Background Checks, Tracking; Associated Press, September 25, 2018](#)

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

- **SB 235** (Sen. Eklund) **Sex Offender Registration**, amended 9.25.18. The bill creates a procedure for a court to modify or terminate the sex offender registration requirements of certain low-risk sex offenders. To be eligible for review of registration requirements, the offender must have been between 18 and 21 at the time of the offense and not an authority figure over the other party; the other party cannot have been younger than 14; and the offender must have complied with all conditions of community control. The amendment accepted on 9.25.18 clarified the definition of "position of authority" and expanded applicability of the bill to persons meeting the above criteria regardless of registration tier or if the original conviction was in another state. The amendment also requires a hearing for the petition to alter registration.
- **SB 329** (Sen. Bacon) **Hazing**, introduced 9.25.18. The bill expands the definition of hazing to include behavior to continue membership in an organization, not just an act of initiation. It increases the penalty from a fourth degree misdemeanor to a first degree misdemeanor.
- **HB 405** (Rep. Perales) **Counterfeiting**, voted out of the Senate, 9.25.18. The bill defines counterfeiting, makes it a crime (F4 up to F1, depending on the value counterfeited) and clarifies that counterfeiting is a "corrupt activity," for purposes of proving organized crime. "Counterfeiting" does not replace Theft, Forgery, or Criminal Simulation, but can be an allied crime of similar import.
- **HB 411** (Reps. Seitz, Sykes) **Wrongful Imprisonment**, amended 9.25.18. The bill modifies the process for asserting a wrongful imprisonment claim and expands eligibility for such a claim to include incarceration for misdemeanors. The amendments accepted on 9.25.18 altered the bill so that settlements in related cases offset the amount of the wrongful imprisonment award and that the wrongful imprisonment claim cannot be filed in the county of residence of the claimant but must be filed in the county where the claimant was convicted.
- The Supreme Court's 2018 **Specialized Docket Conference** is scheduled for 10.11 and 10.12.18. For more information and to register, visit their [website](#).
- For judges considering or nearing retirement, the OJC's "**Jumping the Retirement Hurdle**" presentation is scheduled for 10.26.18 and has been approved for 1.75 hours of Continuing Legal Education. For more information and to register, visit our [website](#).
- Non-profit Fulton & Waite Scholars helps pair minority law students with judges for **externships** (2 weeks) and **internships** (10 weeks). If you're interested in participating next summer (2019), please email johnchristian@fwscholars.org. More information at: www.fwscholars.org.

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



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