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Legislation and Policy in the News:

[How Are Police Adapting to Ohio's Medical Marijuana?: Canton Repository, February 10, 2019](#)

[Ohio Governor Pushes for Changes to Arrest Warrant System: Associated Press, February 15, 2019](#)

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 3** (Sens. Eklund, O'Brien) **Drug Sentencing Reform**, introduced 2.13.19. Currently a placeholder, the bill expresses the intent of the legislature to develop and enact legislation to reform Ohio's drug sentencing laws, without providing further details at this point.
- **SB 5** (Sens. Dolan, Kunze) **Promoting Prostitution Penalties**, introduced 2.13.19. Current law states a violation of RC 2907.22 (Promoting Prostitution) is an F4 and increased to an F3 if a minor is involved. The bill increases the penalty to an F3 in additional circumstances: a previous conviction of violence; 2 or more previous convictions under RC 2907.22; or an accompanying conviction for a violation of RC 2925.03 (Drug Trafficking).
- **SB 6** (Sens. Coley, Hottinger) **Temporary Child Custody**, introduced 2.13.19. The bill authorizes and regulates "host family" organizations which take temporary custody of children with parental permission but outside state oversight through children services agencies and the courts.
- **SB 13** (Sen. Fedor) **Juvenile Human Trafficking Victims**, introduced 2.13.19. The bill requires a juvenile court to hold a delinquency complaint in abeyance in human trafficking cases and provides that the same elements for the offense of trafficking in persons that apply to a victim younger than 16 also apply to a victim who is age 16 or 17.
- **SB 18** (Sens. Antonio, Lehner) **Confining Pregnant Defendants**, introduced 2.13.19. The bill prohibits restraining or confining a woman during pregnancy or postpartum recovery.
- **HB 24** (Rep. Hambley) **Humane Societies**, introduced 2.13.19. The bill allows probate judges to revoke the appointment of a humane society agent for just cause and provides a procedure. The bill requires that any humane society non-prosecution agreement be approved by the judge that presided over the probable cause hearing to determine whether animals should be impounded. The non-prosecution agreement cannot require payment of monies in excess of a "necessary and reasonable" standard.
- **SB 28** (Sen. Hottinger) **Protection Order Violation Penalties**, introduced 2.13.19. The bill increases the penalty for violating a protection order to an F3 if there are 2 or more previous protection order convictions, 3 or more previous Menacing, Agg Menacing, or Agg Trespassing Convictions, or 2 or more previous Menacing by Stalking convictions.
- **HB 69** (Rep. Perales) **Child Abuse Registry**, introduced 2.14.19. The bill requires the Attorney General to establish a publicly accessible child abuse registry.
- **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.

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



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