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Legislation and Policy in the News:

[Review of Ohio's Criminal Sentencing Seeks Balance Between Punishment, Rehabilitation; Columbus Dispatch, November 27, 2017](#)

[Bill Would Give Judges More Say Trying Juveniles As Adults; Dayton Daily, November 27, 2017](#)

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Legislative News: Two Week Review

- **SB 8** (Sens. Gardner, Terhar) **Public Facilities Bill with Jail Transport Amendment**, sent to the Governor, 11.29.17. The bill included an amendment that addressed the Attorney General's recent [opinion](#) that the O.R.C. does not authorize municipal courts to either require or request that sheriffs transport misdemeanants to local jails.
- **SB 33** (Sen. Eklund) **LEADS Information and ILC Amendment**, House concurred in Senate amendments, 12.5.17. The bill clarifies that traffic or criminal record information in LEADS can be disclosed to the defendant if requested. The bill was amended to expand intervention-in-lieu, so that when a person on ILC fails, the judge can either continue ILC, add conditions to and continue ILC, or enter a guilty finding.
- **HB 174** (Reps. Hughes, Lanese) **Domestic Relations Judgeships**, voted out of the Senate, 12.5.17. The bill adds 2 judges to the Domestic Relations Division of the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, one to be elected in 2018 and a second in 2020. An emergency clause means this bill go into effect as soon as it is signed by the Governor.
- **SB 235** (Sen. Eklund) **Sex Offender Registry**, introduced 11.27.17. The bill creates a procedure for a court to modify or terminate the sex offender registration requirements of certain youthful, 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.
- **HB 341** (Reps. Cera, Huffman) **Personal Information of Judges**, reported out of House Government Oversight and Accountability Committee, 12.7.17. The bill includes judges as individuals whose residential and familial information is exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Law, and whose private addresses must be redacted, upon request, from records available to the general public on the internet. The bill was amended to also include magistrates.
- **HB 439** (Reps. Dever, Ginter), **Bail Reform**, introduced 12.7.17. The bill requires courts to use a validated risk assessment tool in bail determinations; it allows nonmonetary bail to be set; it requires courts to collect certain data on bail, pretrial release, and sentencing; and it requires the Sentencing Commission to monitor the policies and procedures of courts in setting bail and utilizing pretrial supervision services.
- Judges can now [sign up for Ohio Supreme Court grant announcements](#) and indicate their preferred method of receiving the information.

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