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Legislation and Policy in the News:

[How Zero Tolerance Policies Destroy Young Lives;](#)
[cleveland.com, April 18, 2016](#)

[End of Life Bill Sees Opposition From Right to Life;](#)
[Dayton Daily News, April 25, 2016](#)

[California Jurors Misusing Internet Could Face Fines;](#)
[Mercury News, April 25, 2016](#)



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Legislative News: Two Week Review

- **HB 164** (Rep. Pelanda) **Sealable Offenses**, voted out of Senate Criminal Justice Committee, 4.27.16. If an offense is currently eligible for sealing, the bill allows a person to seal it even if the person committed the offense before it was made eligible for sealing. The bill was amended to clarify that reports of the Inspector General are not sealed along with a criminal record.
- **SB 316** (Sen. Hughes) **Sexual Imposition**, introduced 4.20.16. The bill increases the penalty for Sexual Imposition for third-time offenders (making it an unclassified misdemeanor with the possibility of a jail term of no more than one year).
- **HB 463** (Rep. Dever) **Foreclosures & Private Selling Officers**, voted out of the House Financial Institutions H&UD Committee, 4.27.16. The bill creates an expedited process for selling a "vacant and abandoned" residential property. The bill allows a judgment creditor to petition to use a private selling officer and creates an online selling system and has been amended to create a process by which a county prosecutor can force a property to sale if the sale has been needlessly delayed.
- **HB 513** (Rep. Gonzales) **Breastfeeding Mothers & Jury Service**, introduced 4.12.16. A breastfeeding mother who provides a signed affidavit averring extreme physical or financial hardship may be excused from jury service.
- **HB 516** (Rep. Celebrezze) **Mutual Protection Orders**, introduced 4.13.16. The bill requires a court to issue restraining orders against both parties upon the filing of a divorce, annulment, or legal separation and lists activities covered under the order.
- **HB 521** (Rep. Manning) **Parole Review**, introduced 4.14.16. The bill, initiated through the Criminal Sentencing Commission, creates special parole eligibility for persons who offended as juveniles and are serving indefinite or life sentences; generally they are eligible for parole after 15 years or upon turning 40. This is a companion to [SB 272](#).
- The Receivership Study Committee met on 4.27.16 to hear testimony from Judge Richard Frye, representing the OJC, about the impact of [2014 HB 9](#).
- The Sunset Review Commission has recommended the reauthorization of 33 agencies, including the Ohio Judicial Conference.
- The OSBA's Judicial Administration and Legal Reform Committee is accepting nominations for the **2016 Innovative Court Programs and Practices Award**. For more information or to nominate someone, go to the [OSBA website](#).
- The ABA is offering a free trial [Judicial Division](#) membership. A promo code is needed to take advantage of the offer. If interested, please contact the OJC for the code.

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