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Legislation and Policy in the News:

[State Grant Funds Opiate
Treatment; Toledo Blade,
September 7, 2017](#)

[Anti-Puppy Mill Activists Seek
Constitutional Amendment
for 2018; cleveland.com,
September 8, 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

- **HB 276** (Reps. Greenspan, Rezabek) **Menacing Utility Worker**, first hearing 9.12.17. The bill makes it an F4 (from an M1) to menace a utility worker with intent to obstruct his work.
- **HB 283** (Rep. Rezabek) **Juvenile Court Jurisdiction – Adoption**, referred to committee 9.12.17. The bill requires a juvenile court to provide written consent to the probate court to initiate adoption proceedings for certain cases involving abused, neglected, or dependent children in the temporary custody of a PCSA or private adoption agency. The bill clarifies court jurisdiction in response to *State ex rel. Allen Cty. Children Servs. Bd. v. Mercer Cty. Common Pleas Court*.
- **HB 336** (Reps. Barnes, Greenspan) **License Reinstatement Fee Amnesty**, introduced 9.5.17. The bill prohibits license reinstatement fees for (1) a juvenile whose license was suspended because of an unruly or delinquent adjudication, unless it was for an offense involving alcohol, drugs, or weapons, (2) a juvenile whose license was suspended because of habitual truancy, if the juvenile provides a diploma or GED, (3) a temporary driving permit, except for a commercial permit, (4) an adult whose license, except for commercial licenses, was suspended for lack of insurance, too many points, or a municipal ordinance violation, unless it for an offense involving alcohol, drugs, or weapons.
- **HB 341** (Reps. Cera, Huffman), **Judges and Public Records**, introduced 9.11.17. Per the current “Shielding Our Protectors Law,” the bill would include 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.
- DRC submitted 3 proposals for OAC changes, ([5120-17-01](#), [5120-17-02](#), and [5120-17-03](#)), relative to DRC’s **treatment transfer program**, 9.14.17. The proposals would: expand eligibility for transfer by changing the requirement that a prisoner “not have been convicted of an offense of violence” to not having been convicted of a felony offense of violence [ever] or a misdemeanor offense of violence in the past 5 years; continue to require DRC to consider a prisoner’s general risk level, but remove the words “based on a single validated risk tool selected by the department”; and remove the requirement that, prior to transferring a prisoner, DRC inform the relevant court about the transfer.
- The **Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation (OLAF)** is collaborating with the OJC, Supreme Court, OSBA, metropolitan bar associations, and a number of other partners in its effort to survey the Ohio legal landscape. If you did not have an opportunity to complete the OLAF survey at the 2017 OJC Annual Meeting, your [feedback](#) is still needed to help OLAF better define access gaps and priorities.

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



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