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Legislation and Policy in the News:

[Supreme Court Affirms Police Can Draw Blood from Unconscious DUI Suspects; NPR, June 27, 2019](#)

[Education in Prison Key to Successful Re-Entry; Columbus Dispatch, July 1, 2019](#)

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Legislative News: Two Week Review

- **HB 166** (Rep. Oelslager) **Biennial Budget**, pending in Conference Committee. The Senate version of the budget contained, among many other provisions: voluntary TCAP in every county; increased funding for indigent defense reimbursement; increased funding for specialized dockets; continued funding for specialized docket payroll subsidies, which may also be used for treatment and recovery supports; an extension of the Driver’s License Reinstatement Fee Amnesty Program to 12.31.19; authority for a parent in a crisis situation to voluntarily enter into a host family agreement; a correction to the juvenile/domestic relations jurisdiction transfer in Sec. 2151.233



The Governor signed **SB 171**, a 17-day **interim operating budget**, 6.30.19.

- **HB 288** (Rep. D. Manning) **Eminent Domain**, introduced 6.18.19. The bill prohibits appropriation through eminent domain of any real property or any estate, right, or interest if the purpose of the taking is to provide a recreational trail.
- **HB 290** (Reps. Boggs, Crawley) **Sexual Misconduct**, introduced 6.19.19. The bill expands the offense of Gross Sexual Imposition (RC 2907.05) to include a licensed health care professional’s knowing or reckless, offensive, sexual contact with a patient (F5); if the patient is younger than 18 or if the patient is developmentally disabled, the offense is an F3 with a presumption of prison, whether or not the health care professional is aware of either age or disability; if the patient is younger than 13, the offense is an F2. If a licensed health care professional is convicted of gross sexual imposition, the court must transmit a copy of the judgment entry to the relevant licensing board, which will result in automatic revocation of the license.
- **HB 291** (Rep. Smith) **Testimonial Privilege**, introduced 6.19.19. The bill gives peer recovery supporters testimonial privilege; they can refuse to testify concerning communications with or advice to first responders obtaining peer recovery support services. The privilege can be overcome if a court determines *in camera* that the information communicated by the first responder is not germane to the relationship between the first responder and the peer recovery supporter.
- **HB 298** (Rep. Kent) **Statute of Limitations**, introduced 6.20.19. Under current law, the statute of limitations for child abuse begins to run either when the child reaches the age of majority or when authorities have been notified of an incident of child abuse. The bill modifies the law by making the statute of limitations start only when the child reaches the age of majority.
- **HB 299** (Rep. Greenspan) **Penalty Enhancement**, introduced 6.20.19. The bill makes causing the death of a corrections, parole, or probation officer, or a parole board member Aggravated Murder. Current law provides that Felonious Assault (RC 2903.11) is either an F1 or F2; the bill makes it an F1 if the victim is a corrections, parole, or probation officer or a parole board member.
- **HB 307** (Reps. Antani, Plummer) **Penalty Enhancement**, introduced 6.27.19. The bill increases the charge of Voyeurism from an M2 to an M1, and to an F5 or F4 for repeat offenses.

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