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Legislation and Policy in the News:

[How Bail Fills Our County Jails; Akron Beacon Journal, February 6, 2017](#)



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Legislative News: Two Week Review

- [HB 4](#) (Rep. Cupp) **Cocaine Amounts**, passed by the House, 2.15.17. In determining drug amounts, the mixture or preparation is included with the weight of the drug itself.
- [HB 30](#) (Rep. Koehler) **Permanent Disability Specification**, introduced 2.1.17. The bill creates a specification of 3-8 years for a felony offense of violence that results in permanent disabling harm.
- [HB 38](#) (Rep. Greenspan) **Death of First Responder**, introduced 2.1.17. The bill makes purposefully causing the death of a first responder or military member aggravated murder and requires the sentence to be served consecutively to any other sentence.
- [HB 49](#) (Rep. Smith) **Operating Budget**, introduced, 2.8.17.
- [HB 56](#) (Reps. Dever, Gavarone) **Record Expungement**, introduced 2.13.17. This bill is a companion bill to SB 4, which would expand intervention in lieu of conviction and record expungement for victims of human trafficking.
- [SB 25](#) (Sen. Hottinger) **Perry County Municipal Court**, passed by the Senate 2.15.17. The bill creates the Perry County Municipal Court.
- [SB 32](#) (Sen. Eklund) **Speedy Trial**, introduced 2.6.17. The bill allows the discharge of a person who has not been brought to trial within the required timeframe without dismissing the charge; charges must be dismissed 14 days after such a discharge.
- [SB 33](#) (Sen. Eklund) **LEADS Disclosure**, introduced 2.6.17. The bill would permit disclosure of information from LEADS to the defendant in a traffic or criminal case.
- [SB 40](#) (Sens. Eklund, Williams) **Death Penalty**, introduced 2.8.17. The bill prohibits a sentence of death if the offender had a serious mental illness at the time of the crime.
- [SB 41](#) (Sen. Eklund) **Testimonial Privilege Expansion**, introduced 2.8.17. The bill creates a testimonial privilege between a qualified advocate and a victim of sexual violence, menacing by stalking, or domestic violence.
- [SB 42](#) (Sen. Eklund) **Drug Offense Penalties**, introduced 2.8.17. The bill clarifies that, in determining drug amounts, the entire mixture is included with the weight of the drug itself (in response to *State v. Gonzales*, 2016).
- **Mark your calendars:** [OJC/OSBA/OPAA Opiate Summit](#) is scheduled for **3.24.17** from 10 until 4 at the OSBA in Columbus. It has been approved for 5 CLE hours.
- **Mark your calendars:** the Legislative Reception welcoming members of the General Assembly, which is organized jointly by the OJC, the OSBA, and the Supreme Court, is scheduled for **5.2.17** in the Statehouse Museum Gallery, from 5:00 to 7:00.
- **Mark your calendars:** The Annual Judicial Legislative Exchange is scheduled for **5.3.17**. If you are interested in participating, please contact Justin Long.

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



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