

Legislative News: Two Week Review

- **HB 49** (Rep. Smith R.) **Operating Budget**, voted out of the House, 5.2.17.



- **SB 4** (Sens. Kunze, Oelslager) **Expungement for Trafficking Victims**, voted out of the Senate, 5.17.17. The bill expands ILC and record expungement for adult victims of human trafficking, except for Murder, Agg Murder, and Rape. Other F1 and F2 offenses trigger an additional judicial balancing test that requires measuring level of duress.
- **SB 7** (Sen. Bacon) **Protection Order Service**, voted out of House Criminal Justice Committee, 5.16.17. Service of a protection order is not necessary to charge someone with violating a protection order if that person was told of the order by law enforcement, a judge, or a magistrate or saw a copy of it.
- **HB 38** (Rep. Greenspan) **Increased Penalty**, voted out of the House, 5.17.17. 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 56** (Reps. Dever, Gavorone) **Expungement for Trafficking Victims**, amended in House Criminal Justice Committee, 5.16.17. The bill expands ILC and record expungement for adult victims of human trafficking; it was amended to include an extension of the juvenile Safe Harbor abeyance period to an open-ended time period.
- **HB 68** (Rep. Anielski) **Voyeurism**, amended in House Criminal Justice Committee, 5.16.17. An amendment scaled back some of the penalties in the original bill.
- **SB 150** (Sen. Brown) **DV Gun Restriction**, introduced 5.16.17. The bill prohibits a person convicted of domestic violence from having a firearm and outlines the surrender of firearms.
- **HB 218** (Rep. Seitz) **Park Districts**, introduced 5.16.17. The bill expands a probate court's powers and duties with regard to a park district.
- **HB 223** (Rep. Dever) **Structured Settlements**, introduced 5.16.17. The bill mostly adopts the NCOIL Model Structured Settlement Protection Act. Among other updates, the bill allows transfer of a structured settlement in the probate court of the transferor's residence, if the initial settlement originated outside Ohio. [SB 152](#) (Sen. Dolan) is a companion bill.
- The **Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission** is voting on proposed changes to the **grand jury** process, 6.8.17. Proposals include (1) appointing an independent counsel to advise the grand jury and (2) providing to the accused a record of any witness testifying before the grand jury. Comments can be sent to the [OJC](#) or directly to the [OCMC](#).
- OSBA is currently accepting [nominations](#) for the 2017 **Thomas J. Moyer Award for Judicial Excellence**. The deadline for nominations is 6.23.17.



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Legislation and Policy in the News:

[Ohio Supreme Court Asked to Expand Juveniles' Legal Rights; Associated Press, May 16, 2017](#)

[Ohio Political Commentators Sue Over Online Harassment Ban; Associated Press, May 17, 2017](#)

[Court Reverses Itself, Approves Mandatory Bindovers for Older Juveniles; Court News Ohio, May 25, 2017](#)

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