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In Case You Missed It:

[*BJS Releases Reports on Federal Justice Statistics and Human Trafficking Data Collection Activities for 2019*](#)

[*These Ohio Prisoners are Getting Parole Hearings Sooner under New Law; Akron Beacon Journal, October 28, 2021*](#)

[*Pulling Back the Curtain on an Ohio Prison: Deaths, Suicide, Violence; Columbus Dispatch, November 21, 2021*](#)

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Legislative News: Two-Week Review

- **HB 3** (Reps. Boyd, Carruthers) **Aisha's Law**, passed by the House, 10.27.21. The bill requires a court setting bail in a criminal case or determining a felony or misdemeanor sentence to consider the results of any lethality assessment screening, if available. The bill also creates a new type of protection order - an emergency protection order - that may be obtained by a law enforcement officer, on behalf of and with the consent of a victim of domestic violence, at any time when the court is not available for regular business, through a process similar to that of obtaining an after-hours search warrant.
- **SB 36** (Sens. S. Huffman, Manning) **Crime Victim Reparations**, passed by the House, 10.27.21. The bill generally expands eligibility for reparations from the Attorney General's crime victim reparations fund by: (1) modifying the current disqualifying conditions for an award of reparations; (2) altering the deadlines for application for reparations; and (3) expanding the definition of "victim" to include 2 additional types of victims.
- **HB 455** (Rep. Stoltzfus), **Carrying Weapon Where Prohibited**, introduced 10.19.21. The bill allows a person who carries a deadly weapon in a location where prohibited to avoid criminal liability if they leave the premises. If they refuse to leave or return with the weapon within 30 days, they may be charged with criminal trespass with a deadly weapon.
- **HB 226** (Reps. Miller, Pavliga) **Guardians Ad Litem**, passed by the House, 10.27.21. The bill expands the offenses of Intimidation and Intimidation in a Criminal Case to include intimidation of a guardian ad litem or court appointed special advocate (M1).
- **HB 462** (Reps. Carfagna, Miller) **Prohibit "Swatting,"** introduced 10.25.21. The bill prohibits purposely triggering an emergency response when no emergency response is warranted by reporting false or misleading information to a law enforcement agency, emergency service provider, or public safety answering point. The crime is an F3 unless serious physical injury results; then it is an F1.
- **HB 475** (Reps. Frazier, Plummer) **Increased Penalties**, introduced 11.1.21. The bill increases penalties for assault if the victim is a hospital police officer or a special police officer: an F4 for assault, F3 for aggravated assault, and F1 for felonious assault. If the act causes serious physical harm, the felony levels are the same and a prison term is mandatory. The bill also provides hospital police officers the same level of immunity as other peace officers and designates gaming agents with the Casino Control Commission as peace officers.
- Save the Date: The [2021 Veterans Summit](#) "Lean Forward: Employment and Housing Support for Veterans" is 11.18.21 at Villa Milano in Columbus. Attendance is free, and the venue has ample room for social distancing.

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