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**Legislation and Policy in the News:**

[More Legislatures Relying on Bills Written by Corporations, Groups, Think Tanks; USA Today, April 4, 2019](#)

[New State Law on Child Marriage Takes Effect in Ohio; WCPO Cincinnati, April 9, 2019](#)

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**Legislative News: Two Week Review**

- **HB 166** (Rep. Oelslager) **Biennial Budget**, introduced 3.22.19:



The bill contains several provisions of note, including:

- Voluntary TCAP in every county (starting at p. 372)
- Local funding for probation departments in APA counties (starting at p. 312)
- APA responsibility to supervise everyone on PRC (starting at p. 376)
- Increased funding for specialized dockets
- Increased funding for indigent defense (starting at p. 1669)
- Continued funding for specialized docket payroll subsidy, which may also be used to defray costs of treatment and recovery supports (starting at p. 1645)
- **HB 62** (Rep. Oelslager) **Transportation Budget**, signed by the Governor, 4.3.19. The bill makes appropriations for programs related to transportation from 7.1.19 to 6.30.21. The bill eliminates the administrative hearing process for a civil traffic law violation involving a traffic camera and grants jurisdiction over those cases to municipal and county courts. Any revenue collected by a municipality for traffic camera tickets will be deducted from the local government fund monies that municipality is to receive from the state. Municipalities that do not abide by the new traffic camera rules in HB 62 will cease getting local government funds. The bill goes into effect 7.3.19.
- **HB 85** (Rep. Rogers, Wilkin) **Capital Case Costs**, voted out of the House, 4.3.19. The bill allows the Controlling Board to transfer money to the Attorney General and State Public Defender to defray county costs associated with extraordinary capital cases involving either multiple defendants or multiple victims.
- **HB 188** (Reps. Cross, Crowley) **Adoption, Custody and Blindness**, introduced 4.9.19. The bill prohibits a person's blindness from being used to deny or limit custody, parenting time, visitation, adoption, or service as a guardian or foster caregiver.
- **132 HB 341** (Rep. Huffman) **Address Confidentiality**, effective 4.15.19. Prior to HB 341, the law contained a list of public service workers, including prosecutors, bailiffs, probation officers, and peace officers, whose personal and familial information is exempted from disclosure under public records law. It did not include judges and magistrates, which were added in HB 341. Please visit the [OJC website](#) for more information.
- **Presided over a traumatic case and need to talk to someone about it confidentially?** Ohio State University's STAR (Stress Trauma & Resiliency) Program provides brief supportive therapy following participation in a difficult event within the last 3 years. Call 614.293.7827 and talk confidentially to a STAR counselor specially trained to provide professional emotional support to people who work day-to-day with difficult life events.

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