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**Legislation and Policy
in the News:**

[Report Calls for
Overhaul of Ohio's Bail
System; Dayton Daily,
July 24, 2019](#)

[Ohio Should Look at
Execution Alternatives;
cleveland.com, August
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Legislative News: Two Week Review

- [SB 57](#) (Sens. Hill, Huffman) **Hemp Legalization**, signed by the Governor, 7.30.19. The bill, among other things, removes hemp and hemp-derived products from Ohio's controlled substances list. By distinguishing hemp from marijuana, the bill makes hemp and hemp products (i.e. CBD oil) legal for sale. The bill goes into effect 90 days after signature.
- [HB 166](#) (Rep. Oelslager) **APA Services in the Biennial Budget**, signed by the Governor, 7.17.19. In the budget, ODRC received the funding it requested to be able to replace county APA agreements with grants (i.e. replace services with funding). HB 166 made changes to RC 2301.32, permitting counties without probation departments to decide if they would like to receive funding to establish their own probation departments or to continue to receive APA services (i.e. this is entirely voluntary for the 19 counties that rely exclusively on the APA for probation supervision now). *For those 19 counties, ODRC will only move forward with the proposal in those counties who opt to accept the grant funds. The deadline for the decision is 8.15.19; please contact Cynthia.Mausser@odrc.state.oh.us.* ODRC will be directly contacting the 22 counties that currently utilize some APA services for probation supervision about how ODRC will shift from APA services to funding in those counties.
- [HB 166](#) (Rep. Oelslager) **Indigent Defense Reimbursement in the Biennial Budget**, signed by the Governor, 7.17.19. HB 166 allocated additional funds in the state budget to reimburse counties for indigent defense costs (an additional \$59 million in FY20 and an additional \$95 million in FY21). The Public Defender estimates this will allow reimbursement of approximately 70% in 2020 (excluding the first 90 days of the fiscal year) and possibly up to 90% in 2021. The system of county-based public defense is unchanged in the bill; each county still selects delivery model, structure, and budget. The new OPD [guidelines and fee schedule](#) have been available since January.
- [SB 179](#) (Sens. Hottinger, Uecker) **License Plates**, introduced 7.29.19. The bill would retain the current law which requires the display of two license plates for most motor vehicles. This provision was recently altered in HB 62, the transportation budget, but with a delayed effective date of 7.1.2020.
- [HB 314](#) (Rep. Miller) **Anti-Prostitution Fund**, introduced 7.30.19. The bill creates the anti-prostitution grant program fund within the office of the Ohio Attorney General, which is to create a procedure by which anti-prostitution programs, such as specialized dockets aimed at helping victims of human trafficking, can apply for and receive grant funding.
- Mark your calendars! The OJC's **Annual Meeting, "Courtrooms, Cameras, and Building Public Confidence,"** is September 12 & 13. It is accredited for a total of 12.0 judicial education hours. [Registration](#) is open until 8.21.19. For a schedule of sessions and other information, please see the [OJC website](#) or contact Trina.Bennington@sc.ohio.gov.

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