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**Legislation and Policy
in the News:**

[Op-Ed: Create Centralized Criminal Sentencing Database to Reduce Mass Incarceration in Ohio;](#)
[cleveland.com, January 8, 2020](#)

[Charging Juveniles as Juveniles is Better for Them and Us;](#)
[cleveland.com, January 9, 2020](#)

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Legislative News: Two Week Review

- **HB 463** (Reps. Crossman, Patton) **Municipal Court Monetary Jurisdiction**, introduced 1.9.20. The bill increases the monetary jurisdiction in municipal courts in any action for the recovery of personal property from \$15,000 to \$30,000 and requires a municipal court to retain jurisdiction in such an action or counterclaim even if the later appraised value of the personal property prior to judgment exceeds \$30,000.
- **HB 464** (Reps. Cupp, Rogers) **Probate Omnibus**, introduced 1.9.20. The bill expands a guardian's authority to create estate plans for their wards; it clarifies a surviving spouse's allowance for support upon the spouse's selection of an automobile; it makes changes in the Ohio Trust Code; and it changes the law pertaining to private judges. Specifically, the bill makes the appointment of a private judge permissive; it allows for the parties to both agree to a private judge and to terminate that agreement; and it addresses jurisdiction of cases that have been assigned to a private judge.
- **HB 468** (Rep. Lightbody) **Cell Phone Use While Driving**, introduced 1.14.20. The bill prohibits any use of a cell phone while driving, except for making phone calls. The bill also makes using a cell phone to text, use an app, use the internet, or use a game a primary traffic offense (MM) for which a law enforcement officer can stop a vehicle (it is currently a secondary traffic offense).
- **HB 470** (Rep. Rogers) **Civil and Criminal Statute of Limitations for Childhood Sexual Abuse**, introduced 1.14.20. The bill eliminates the statute of limitations for rape. It extends the statute of limitations for a civil action by a victim of childhood sexual abuse until the time the victim turns 55 (currently, it is within 12 years of the cause of action accruing); if the abuse is discovered after 55, that victim has 3 years to bring a case.
- **HB 471** (Rep. Rogers) **Statute of Limitations for Civil Cases of Childhood Sexual Abuse**, introduced 1.14.20. The bill extends the statute of limitations for a civil action by a victim of childhood sexual abuse until the time the victim turns 55 (currently, it is within 12 years of the cause of action accruing); if the abuse is discovered after 55, that victim has 3 years to bring a case.
- **HB 472** (Rep. Rogers) **Statute of Limitations for Rape**, introduced 1.14.20. The bill eliminates the statute of limitations for rape.
- The Supreme Court filed [proposed new court Rules](#) with the legislature on 1.15.20.
- [Grants](#) for the extradition of dangerous wanted criminals are now available through the Office of Criminal Justice Services, 1.17.20.
- **Did You Know?** The Ohio Judicial Conference, in conjunction with the Ohio Lawyers' Assistance Program (OLAP), organizes JAG, the **Judicial Advisory Group**. If you or a colleague needs help, more information is available [online](#).
- **THE DEADLINE TO SPEND OR ENCUMBER TCAP DOLLARS FROM FISCAL YEARS 2018 AND 2019 IS 6.30.20. MONIES NOT SPENT OR ENCUMBERED BY THE DEADLINE MUST BE REPAYED TO THE STATE.**

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