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Legislation and Policy in the News:

[GOP Ohio Governor Pursues Red Flag Law About Seizing Guns; U.S. News & World Report, May 3, 2019](#)

[Ohio May Allow Medical Marijuana for Anxiety, Autism Spectrum Disorder; cleveland.com, May 9, 2019](#)

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Legislative News: Two Week Review

- **HB 166** (Rep. Oelslager) **Biennial Budget**, passed by the House, 5.9.19:
 - The bill contains several provisions of note, including:
 - Voluntary TCAP in every county
 - Increased funding for specialized dockets
 - Continued funding for specialized docket payroll subsidies, which may also be used for treatment and recovery supports
 - The House version of the bill deletes the provisions in the budget that provided local funding for probation departments in APA counties and eliminated APA responsibility to supervise everyone on probation
 - The House version of the bill increases indigent defense reimbursement from 50% (in the as-introduced version) to "up to 100%."
 - The House omnibus amendment creates the Medication Assisted Treatment Drug Reimbursement Program to reimburse counties for the costs of MAT in county jails. The omnibus amendment also:
 - Changes the name of the Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation to the Ohio Access to Justice Foundation
 - Creates a task force to study Ohio's indigent defense system, made up of 16 members including the Chief Justice (or designee) and a judge chosen by the Ohio Judicial Conference
 - Clarifies that a county auditor must issue a warrant for money payable upon a court order, without needing evidentiary material



- **SB 143** (Sen. Williams) **Aggravated Bullying**, introduced 5.7.19. The bill creates the M3 offense of Aggravated Bullying, defined as knowingly causing emotional harm or knowingly making someone believe that emotional or physical harm to person or property will be caused. Under the definition, both offender and victim must be primary or secondary public school students.
- **SB 144** (Sen. Williams) **Aggravated Bullying Disciplinary Procedure**, introduced 5.7.19. The bill creates an M3 offense of Aggravated Bullying and requires a tiered disciplinary program for aggravated bullying in schools.
- **SB 146** (Sens. Antonio, Kunze) **Domestic Violence**, introduced 5.9.19. The bill expands the offense of domestic violence by adding the act of knowingly impeding breathing or blood circulation, an F3.
- **HB 232** (Reps. Schaffer, Smith) **Importuning**, introduced 5.2.19. For F3 Importuning Offenses (RC 2907.07(A) or (C)), the bill adds a mandatory prison term if either the offender also arranged to meet the importuned person or the offender is 10 or more years older than the importuned person (or the age claimed by a law enforcement officer acting as an importuned person).
- Congratulations to **Judge Linda Teodosio**, elected President-Elect of the OSBA!

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