

January 7, 2019 Legislation and Policy in the

News:

<u>Woman Charged After</u> <u>Overdose Asks for Clarity on</u> <u>'Good Samaritan' Law;</u> <u>Gongwer Ohio Report,</u> <u>January 3, 2019</u>

Drugmakers Seek Sanctions Over '60 Minutes' comments; Associated Press, January 6, <u>2019</u>

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Legislative News: Two Week Review

• <u>HB 7</u> (Rep. Cupp) **Medical Malpractice**, signed by Governor 12.19.18. The bill makes certain statements regarding an unanticipated medical outcome inadmissible as evidence in a medical claim; it also provides a procedure for discovery of other potential claims.

• **<u>HB 38</u>** (Rep. Greenspan) **Aggravated Murder of Certain People**, signed by the Governor 12.19.18. The bill requires a mandatory prison term for some aggravated murder crimes, when the victim is a first responder or a member of the military.

• <u>HB 92</u> (Rep. Schaffer) **Public Indecency**, signed by the Governor 12.19.18. The bill requires registration as a sex offender for a conviction of public indecency if an offender knowingly exposes himself where minors are likely to be present with the purpose of sexual gratification.

• <u>HB 96</u> (Rep. Hughes) **Repeat Offenses**, signed by Governor, 12.21.18. The bill increases the penalties for sexual imposition, if the offender has previously been convicted of sex offenses 3 times, and for intoxicated disorderly conduct, if the offender has previously been convicted of disorderly conduct 3 times.

• <u>SB 214</u> (Sen. Terhar) **Genital Mutilation**, concurrence vote 12.19.18. The bill prohibits female genital mutilation, including transporting a minor to a location for this purpose.

• <u>SB 263</u> (Sen. Huffman) **Notary Modernization**, signed by Governor 12.19.18. The bill allows for e-notarization. It centralizes education, testing, and commission of notaries with an entity designated by the Secretary of State, but entities currently training and testing notaries are grandfathered in the bill.

• <u>HB 341</u> (Rep. Huffman) **Address Confidentiality**, signed by Governor 1.4.19. The bill requires redaction, upon request, of judges' and magistrates' residential and familial information from publicly available records.

• <u>HB 425</u> (Rep. Antani) **Body Camera Footage**, sent to Governor 12.31.18. The bill specifies which portions of police body camera footage are public record and which are not. The bill was amended to include changes to the recent ex parte expungement amendment.

• <u>SB 345</u> (Sen. Peterson) **County Costs in Capital Cases**, introduced 12.10.18. The bill allows the Controlling Board to transfer money to the Attorney General and State Public Defender to defray county costs associated with certain capital cases. See also **HB 781** (Rep. Wilkin). The bill did not survive the 132nd General Assembly.

• <u>HB 778</u> (Rep. Gavarone) **Inmate Competency Evaluations**, first hearing in Committee 12.11.18. The bill prohibits municipal courts from utilizing state hospitals to restore defendants to competency in non-violent misdemeanor cases. The bill did not survive the 132nd General Assembly.

For a complete list of bills & the latest issue of BillBoard, please visit the OJC website.



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