



# Ohio Judicial Conference

The Voice of Ohio Judges

Senate Judiciary Committee  
Senate Bill 20, 132nd General Assembly  
February 14, 2017

Chairman Bacon and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

The Criminal Law and Procedure Committee of the Ohio Judicial Conference recently reviewed Senate Bill 20, which would create a specification for a permanently disabling crime. The Committee has determined that the bill will likely not have a significant impact on court caseload or public confidence in the judiciary.

While the Ohio Judicial Conference generally disfavors mandatory sentences, we appreciate that the bill has both a narrowly-tailored application and does retain some level of judicial discretion. For this reason, the Conference has not taken a formal position on the bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this Interested Party testimony. As always, we are happy to work with you, and we appreciate Senator Hackett seeking the perspective of the Judicial Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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