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## WEEKLY UPDATE

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### Latest News

- The House and Senate have adjourned until after the midterm elections, and will return on November 13. Our next update will include a summary of the key committee changes and a forecast of what the next Congress may consider affecting public safety.
- **Opioids** - Last week, President Trump signed the SUPPORT for Patients and Community Act, which is a major piece of legislation to target the opioid crisis. BBM's Laura Cooper was in attendance. Also last week, the Department of Justice held a National Opioid Summit, which BBM's Ben Bawden attended. The summit's discussions revolved around the DOJ's efforts to combat the heroin and opioid epidemic. In conjunction with the summit, DOJ announced \$35 million to battle the distribution of methamphetamine and another \$35 million to assist children impacted by the opioid crisis. You can view more on that announcement [here](#).
- **Active Shooter Training Grants** - This week, the Department of Justice announced an \$8.7 million grant to provide multi-disciplinary, scenario-based active shooter training to first responders across the country. You can view the announcement [here](#).
- **FirstNet Board Appointments** - U.S. Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross announced the appointment of six individuals to serve on the Board of FirstNet, including five new members. You can read the announcement [here](#).



### ARTICLES OF INTEREST:

#### Cannabis abstinence for month aids memory, study says

The Harvard Gazette | Sue McGreevey

A Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) study finds that one month of abstaining from cannabis use results in measurable improvement in memory functions important for learning among regular cannabis users in adolescence and young adulthood. The study published in the Journal of Clinical Psychiatry is one of the first to prospectively track over time changes in cognitive function associated with halting cannabis use. "Our findings provide two pieces of convincing evidence," said Randi Schuster, director of neuropsychology at the Center for Addiction Medicine in the MGH Department of Psychiatry, lead author of the paper. **Continue reading** [here](#).

**Manhattan DA: Locked Phones Continue to Thwart Criminal Probes**  
The Wall Street Journal | Corinne Ramey



The Manhattan district attorney's office says encrypted cellphones and tablets continue to hinder its investigations, preventing local prosecutors from solving crimes and winning cases. From May through August, Manhattan prosecutors' forensics lab received 589 mobile devices connected to criminal investigations, according to a report released Thursday by the district attorney's office. Of these devices, 366 were locked. Today, 165 of these remain inaccessible to investigators, the office said. Manhattan prosecutors say that third-party vendors continue to develop workarounds to access locked phones and tablets. That, in turn, is prompting technology companies to find new ways to keep devices secure. "We call it a cat-and-mouse game," Elizabeth Roper, chief of the office's cybercrime and identity-theft bureau, said in an interview. "The tech providers have responded to these software providers by creating updates that circumvent the way the software works." **Continue reading [here](#).**

### **U.S. 'turning the tide' on the opioid crisis, health secretary says Politico | Brianna Ehley**

The U.S. is beginning to turn the tide on the opioid epidemic, HHS Secretary Alex Azar said Tuesday, pointing to new federal data showing a slight dip in overdose deaths last year. Preliminary CDC data released last week shows drug overdose deaths, which spiked in 2017, dropped 2.8 percent toward the end of last year and the beginning of 2018. Azar credited federal, state and local efforts, one day before President Donald Trump will sign overwhelmingly bipartisan legislation to address the opioid crisis. "The seemingly relentless trend of rising overdose deaths seems to be finally bending in the right direction," Azar said in prepared remarks at the Milken Institute's health care conference in Washington, D.C. **Continue reading [here](#).**

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## Hearings & Markups Happening This Week

The House and Senate are not in session this week.

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## Legislation on the Floor This Week

### **House:**

The House has adjourned for the month of October and will return on November 13.

### **Senate:**

**Note:** Due to Senate scheduling and rules, additional items not listed may be added to the calendar for consideration.

The Senate has adjourned for the for the remainder of the month and will return on November 13.

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## Recap of Last Week's Hearings & Markups

**Note:** For more details on any of the following hearings, we can provide access to hearing transcripts upon request.

The House and Senate were not in session, however, the Senate Judiciary Committee held a hearing on District and Appellate Court judgeship nominations.



## Legislation Considered Last Week

### House:

The House was not in session.

### Senate:

The Senate was not in session.



## Legislation Introduced Last Week

Date Introduced	Bill Number	Sponsor	Description
10/26/2018	<a href="#">HR 7099</a>	Kathleen Rice (D-NY-4)	Prevent Impaired Driving Child Endangerment Act - To amend title 23, United States Code, to establish national standards relating to sanctions for individuals who drive a motor vehicle, with a child passenger in the vehicle, while intoxicated or impaired, and for other purposes.
10/26/2018	<a href="#">HR 7091</a>	Chris Smith (R-NJ-4)	Combating Illicit Fentanyl Act of 2018 - To stop the production of fentanyl and its trafficking into the United States from the People's Republic of China.
10/23/2018	<a href="#">HR 7089</a>	Carolyn Maloney (D-NY-12)	Business Supply Chain Transparency on Trafficking and Slavery Act of 2018 - To amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require certain companies to disclose information describing any measures the company has taken to identify and address conditions of forced labor, slavery, human trafficking, and the worst forms of child labor within the company's supply chains.
10/19/2018	<a href="#">HR 7079</a>	Ann Kuster (D-NH-2)	To authorize the Attorney General to make grants to, and enter into cooperative agreements with, States and units of local government to develop, implement, or expand a program to provide medication-assisted treatment, from arrest to release, to individuals incarcerated in the jurisdiction who are addicted to opioids, and for other purposes.
10/16/2018	<a href="#">HR 7068</a>	Bob Goodlatte (R-VA-6)	End Catch and Release Act - To close loopholes in the immigration laws that serve as incentives to aliens to attempt to enter the United States unlawfully, and for other purposes.



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## Upcoming Events/Conferences

[National Fusion Center Association Annual Training Event](#)

November 6-8—Alexandria, VA

### October 2018

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### November 2018

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Senate in Session

House & Senate in Session

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