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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)  
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 3, 2017**

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**ARDELYX, INC.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-36485**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**26-1303944**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification Number)

**34175 Ardenwood Blvd., Suite 200**  
**Fremont, CA 94555**  
(Address of principal executive offices, including Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (510) 745-1700**

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On March 3, 2017, the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of Ardelyx, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Company”), approved the following modifications to the Company’s Non-Employee Director Compensation Program (the “Director Compensation Program”): (i) the annual cash retainer for each of the Board’s non-employee directors for their service on the Board was increased from \$35,000 to \$40,000, and (ii) the stock option grants to non-employee directors upon their initial appointment or election to the Board was increased from 25,000 shares of the Company’s common stock (“Common Stock”) to 30,000 shares of Common Stock. These modifications to the Director Compensation Program had been recommended to the Board by the Compensation Committee of the Board.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: March 9, 2017

ARDELYX, INC.

By: /s/ Mark Kaufmann  
Mark Kaufmann  
Chief Financial Officer