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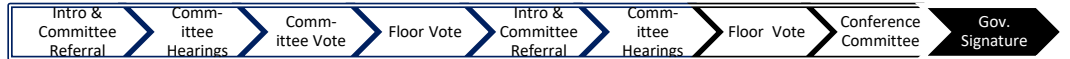
[New Hazing Penalties Could Hobble Immature Adults for Life, Agency Says; Toledo Blade, June 13, 2021](#)

[Editorial: Ohio Judicial Elections are Nonpartisan in Name Only -- State Law Should Acknowledge That; cleveland.com, June 16, 2021](#)

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## Legislative News: Two-Week Review

- **HB 110** (Rep. Oelslager) **Operating Budget**, voted out of the Senate, 6.9.21. The bill currently contains provisions concerning automatic sealing of records associated with a Governor’s unconditional pardon, IDAT fund use for specialized dockets, and clarification to recent changes to RC 2929.15. The Senate changed the **mandatory statewide TCAP** in the House version of the budget to a voluntary TCAP expanded to include not just F5s, but F4s as well. It contains language taken from SB 80, which would require a **partisan designation for judges** on the general election ballot, and it contains language to counteract the recent Supreme Court case requiring counsel for **indigent parents** losing parental rights in adoptions. A vote on HB 110 is expected Tuesday.



- **HB 339** (Rep. Swearingen) **E-Wills**, introduced 6.7.21. For estate planning documents and end of life directives, the bill allows remote witnessing by video-conference.
- **HB 343** (Rep. White) **Marsy’s Law Implementation**, introduced 6.8.21. The bill: requires that a victim and victims’ representatives get all notices, motions, and court orders that are filed; entitles the victim to not testify in court regarding victim’s contact or location information and to request that that information be redacted from court records; entitles a victim to be present at the post-arrest release hearing and a community control revocation hearing; requires that a victim gets notice of acquittal or conviction, including the PSI, and of judicial release or other early release; significantly expands the concept of restitution.
- **HB 345** (Reps. Crossman, Howse) **Human Impact Statement**, introduced 6.9.21. The bill requires the Legislative Service Commission to prepare a human impact statement for any bill proposed that would impact criminal law.
- **HB 352** (Reps. Crawley, Ray) **Custody of a Minor**, introduced 6.17.21. The bill prohibits a person's disability from being used to deny or limit custody, parenting time, visitation, adoption, or service as a guardian or foster caregiver.
- The beginning of the **next attorney registration biennium**, 7.1.21, often coincides with questions from judges and court administrators about using local court funds to pay for a judge’s attorney registration fees. In the past, the Attorney General has issued an [opinion](#) you might find helpful.
- A [fact sheet](#) prepared by the Ohio Access to Justice Foundation is available explaining the BMV’s **Driver’s License Reinstatement Fee Amnesty Program**, made permanent last year in HB 285, and in effect since 9.15.20.
- Save the Date: The Ohio Judicial Conference’s **Annual Meeting** is 9.2 and 9.3.21 with +10 hours of judicial education. The agenda includes presentations from Supreme Court scholar Professor Erwin Chemerinsky, forensic psychiatrist Dr. Phillip Resnick, and cyber-stalking expert Steven Bradley.

**For a complete list of bills & the latest Enactment News, please visit the [OJC website](#).**



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