

## Legislative & Other News: Two-Week Review



November 22, 2021

### ***In Case You Missed It:***

[Governor DeWine Expands Expedited Pardon Project to Include Law Partners in Cleveland, Dayton, and Cincinnati; November 9, 2021](#)

[BGSU Selected to House AG's New Center for Justice Research; Toledo Blade, November 10, 2021](#)

[Testify! Who Gets to Address Legislators and How; Dayton Daily News, November 14, 2021](#)

*The Ohio Judicial Conference is dedicated to serving all Ohio judges. It is the primary resource to ensure the fair, unbiased, open, and effective administration of justice.*

- **SB 210** (Sen. Gavarone) **Post-Nuptial Agreements**, voted out of the Senate, 11.16.21. The bill expands the ability for spouses to enter into post-nuptial agreements and to alter those agreements; establishes that postnuptial agreements are to be treated the same as antenuptial agreements under the Revised Code; and allows a court to terminate a decree of legal separation on a motion signed by both spouses. Lastly, the bill repeals a requirement that the record of any action for divorce, dissolution, annulment, or spousal support contain the Social Security numbers of the parties to the action.
- **SB 261** (Sens. S. Huffman, Yuko) **Expanding Medical Marijuana Uses**, introduced 11.9.21. Under the bill, doctors participating in the Ohio Medical Marijuana Control Program are authorized to recommend marijuana for any condition, as long as the marijuana is expected to relieve symptoms or otherwise benefit the patient.
- **HB 480** (Reps. Hall, Powell) **Civil Action for Abortion**, introduced 11.2.21. The bill authorizes a private right of action against a person for performing or inducing an abortion or engaging in conduct that aids or abets the performance or inducement of an abortion.
- **SB 262** (Sen. Maharath) **Civil Action for Pregnancy**, introduced 11.9.21. The bill authorizes a person to file a civil action for damages and injunctive relief against another person who causes the person to have an unintended pregnancy, regardless of the circumstances.
- **HB 488** (Reps. Galonski, Grendell) **Guardianship Modernization**, introduced 11.10.21. The bill contains the OAPJ Probate Modernization Committee's recommendations to update the guardianship statutes in Chapter 2111 of the Revised Code. The bill also includes provisions on appointment of counsel for courts to clarify how and when courts can obtain necessary outside counsel when the county prosecutor cannot represent the court because of a conflict.
- If you are around people who use drugs, training is available on how to respond to an opioid overdose, and a supply of **naloxone** (brand name **Narcan**) may also be available to you. Naloxone is a medication designed to reverse an opioid overdose by allowing the person who is experiencing an opioid overdose to begin breathing normally. See <https://nextdistro.org/ohio>
- As a result of the passage of **SB 175** (Stand Your Ground) last year, the Ohio Jury Instructions Committee recently made changes to the following **jury instructions**: CR 421.19, Self-defense, non-deadly force; CR 421.191, Defense of another, non-deadly force; CR 421.21, Self-defense, deadly force; CR 421.211, Defense of another, deadly force and CR 421.23, Presumption of self-defense. The new instructions will be available on the [OJC website](#) until they are formally published.

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