

Legislative News: Two-Week Review



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In Case You Missed It:

June is [PTSD Awareness Month](#) and [Men's Mental Health Month](#)

[Recreational Marijuana Rules Go Into Effect 5.29.24 as State Continues to Finalize Applications for Dispensaries: Cleveland.com, May 29, 2024](#)

The Ohio Judicial Conference is dedicated to serving all Ohio judges. The Judicial Conference is the voice of the judiciary & a primary resource to ensure the fair, unbiased, open & effective administration of justice.

- **SB 278** (Sens. Huffman, S., Schuring) **Regulation of Marijuana, Cannabis, and Hemp**, introduced 5.28.24. Among several changes to the state's marijuana laws, the bill requires marijuana home-growers to sign affidavits that they won't sell products, prohibits all marijuana smoking and vaping in public, and requires delta-8-THC products be sold in recreational marijuana dispensaries and only to adults (it would be defined as an "adult-use hemp product," based on the content of THC and the number of servings).
- **HB 615** (Reps. Jones, Williams) **Children in Need of Protective Services (CHIPS)**, introduced 5.28.24. The bill changes the terms "abused, neglected, or dependent children" and variations thereof to "children in need of protective services" in the Revised Code. CHIP cases will replace AND cases, and while there are some new types of filing under CHIPS, the changes in the bill are for clarification of current AND law and do not create a completely new field of cases.
- The Legislature is convening session twice this month before recessing for summer: 6.12.24 and 6.26.24.
- On 5.31.24, the Ohio Public Defender released a [memo](#) regarding the FY25 **indigent defense reimbursement rate**. Based on the county reimbursement request levels from the past five fiscal years, paying particular attention to FY24, the OPD is setting the initial reimbursement rate for FY25 at 78%.
- The third edition of the Supreme Court of Ohio [Writing Manual](#) is now available.
- Save the Date: The **OJC Annual Meeting** is September 19-20. Registration for the Annual Meeting will be made available in early July.
- Save the Date: On 8.12.24 and 8.13.24, Bowling Green State University, the Ohio Attorney General's Office, and the Center for the Future of Forensic are hosting the 3rd annual "**Understanding and Using Forensic Science and Expert Testimony in the Courtroom**" continuing legal education (approved for 14.5 hours). [Register](#) by 7.28.24.
- Ohio residents seeking **stalking and sexually oriented offense protection orders** have [a new online tool](#) that enables victims and survivors to more safely access and complete the legal forms they need to obtain a civil protection order. [Ohio Legal Help](#), in partnership with the Supreme Court of Ohio, developed the tool and information that expands on [the domestic and dating violence civil protection order tool](#) built in 2021 that helps over 50,000 Ohioans annually. The site is accessible by mobile phone, tablet, or computer 24/7; and has information on the [different types of civil protection orders](#), [online stalking](#), and [gathering evidence from your phone](#).

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