

Legislative News: Two Week Review



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Legislation and Policy in the News:

[*Aisha's Law Draws Support & Skepticism as Legislators Work to Shield At-Risk Domestic Violence Victims from Future Violence; cleveland.com, August 28, 2019*](#)

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

- [SB 187](#) (Sen. Schaffer) **Prohibit Suggestive Performance by Minor**, introduced 8.28.19. The bill prohibits a sexually suggestive performance by a minor and, if the offender is a D liquor permit holder, the bill requires the court to order the revocation of the permit.
- [HB 324](#) (Rep. Adam Miller) **Noneconomic Damages**, introduced 8.28.19. The bill raises the limitations on damages for noneconomic loss and punitive damages in certain tort actions based on adjustments for inflation from the year 2005 to 2019.
- The Ohio Supreme Court is seeking public comment, until 10.25.19, on [proposed amendments](#) to the Rules of Superintendence that would require municipal or county courts to adopt a **uniform bail bond schedule** established by the Supreme Court if there is more than one municipal or county court in a county and the courts are unable to agree on a uniform bail bond schedule. Under the proposal, a bail bond schedule shall include a presumption of personal bail.
- Until 9.25.19, the Supreme Court is [accepting public comments](#) on proposed amendments to [Sup.R. 16](#) that would allow a common pleas court to offer **mediation** in certain types of civil stalking protection order cases, and specifically not in cases where parties are family members, there is ongoing physical violence, or there is a pending criminal case.
- **Did you know?** In the event a judge is faced with an ethics complaint, legal representation is covered by the State of Ohio's self-insurance plan up to \$10,000 in legal fees. Election law violation complaints are not covered. If the judge is found to have committed the violation, he or she is required to reimburse the state. Such matters are generally handled by the law firm [Montgomery Rennie Johnson](#) in Cincinnati. If you are faced with an ethics complaint, feel free to contact the firm directly for assistance.
- Mark your calendars! In partnership with Justice For Vets, this year's Annual Specialized Dockets Conference will feature Veteran Mentors Boot Camp. The Annual Specialized Docket Conference is being held at The Ohio Union at the Ohio State University on 11.21.19 – 11.22.19.
- Mark your calendars! Judges in counties that are impacted by **ODRC's new policy on APA personnel** are invited to a roundtable discussion, 11.8.19, at the Supreme Court Building. The meeting will involve information about how to create a probation department, best practices, available resources, and available funding. If interested, please contact Marta.Mudri@sc.ohio.gov.
- Thank you to all who attended our 2019 Annual Meeting last week! A record number of judges attended, and the speakers were all well-received

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



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