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Legislation and Policy in the News:

[Amateur Online Child Predator Sting Groups May Cause Trouble; Cincinnati Enquirer, August 20, 2018](#)

[ACLU Ohio Says Mayors' Courts Shows Evidence of Racial Bias; WKSU, August 20, 2018](#)

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.

Legislative News: Two Week Review

- The Supreme Court has published the following proposed Rule amendments:
 - [Rules of Civil Procedure](#): 4, 4.1, 4.3, and 4.7 pertaining to **waiver of service**, 6, 7, and 56 pertaining to **motions briefing schedules**, 33, 34 and 36 pertaining to **discovery**, 47 pertaining to **alternate jurors**, 53 pertaining to **magistrates**, 54 pertaining to **judgments**, and a Proposed Civil Form. Public comment accepted until 9.26.18.
 - [Rules of Criminal Procedure](#): 4, 10 and 46 pertaining to **bail and bond**, 6 pertaining to **grand juries**, 11, 12, 16, and 37 pertaining to **Marsy's Law**. Public comment accepted until 9.26.18.
 - [Rules of Evidence](#) : 615 pertaining to **separation of witnesses in compliance with Marsy's Law**, 801 pertaining to **inconsistent statements**, and 803 pertaining to **learned treatises**. Public comment accepted until 9.26.18.
 - [Rules of Appellate Procedure](#): 3 pertaining to the **accelerated calendar and cross-appeals** and 5 pertaining to the **state's window for appealing a criminal case**. Public comment accepted until 9.26.18.
 - [Rules of Juvenile Procedure](#): 22, 24, 26, 29, and 34 pertaining to **Marsy's Law**. Public comment accepted until 9.26.18.
 - [Rules of Superintendence](#): Sup.R.10 through 10.05 pertaining to **protection orders**, including updated forms. Public comment accepted until 10.12.18.
- **SB 325** (Sen. Kunze) **Sexual Misconduct in Schools**, introduced 8.22.18. The bill lays out a sexual misconduct policy, as it applies to school employees.
- **HB 722** (Rep. Boggs) **Use of State Funds**, introduced 8.23.18. The bill prohibits a person or public entity from using state funds in exchange for an individual to agree not to make any disparaging or negative statement about the person or public entity.
- **HB 724** (Rep. Pelanda) **Abusive Civil Action Plaintiffs**, introduced 8.29.18. The bill restricts persons designated as "abusive civil action plaintiffs" from filing civil actions against certain defendants without the court's permission.
- Did you know? The OJC website features a **Library of Reasoned Orders** where judges can share examples of how they handled a particular, perhaps novel, question or topic. Judges are invited to browse the library or submit their own orders/opinions for inclusion.
- [The Ohio Supreme Court](#) has released a [new grand jury video](#) and [pamphlet](#) available to all Ohio judges, courts, and schools as a way to educate potential grand jury members and the public. For more information, or to request a copy of the video, please contact Justin.Long@sc.ohio.gov.

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



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