

## Legislative News: Two-Week Review



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### In Case You Missed It:

[ODVN Report: Ohio had 112 Domestic Violence Fatalities in the Last Year](#)

[Bureau of Justice Assistance Marks Recovery Month with a Podcast: What Have We Learned](#)

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 364](#) (Sen. Gavarone) **Mental Health Assistant Licensure**, introduced 10.17.22. The bill generally creates a license for certified mental health assistants, and also extends to certified mental health assistants the immunities from liability currently available to mental health professionals and volunteer health workers (Sec. 2305.234 and Sec. 2305.51). See also [HB 730](#) (Rep. Pavliga)
- [HB 729](#) (Rep. Stewart) **Veterans Service Commissions**, introduced 10.6.22. The bill removes the authority of the common pleas judge in a county to appoint members of that county's Veterans Service Commission representing the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the Vietnam Veterans of America, or the Korean War Veterans Association.
- [HB 732](#) (Reps. Galonski, Lepore-Hagan) **Compensation to Child Victims of Sex Abuse**, introduced 10.17.22. The bill authorizes the Attorney General to make an emergency award (not exceeding \$2,000) to a child victim of a of sexual abuse for health care related to the offense.
- On 10.12.22, the Ohio Supreme Court reversed an Eighth District Court of Appeals decision that found **attorney fees** expended during an appeal cannot be recovered from the other party unless a state statute specifically permits it. [Cruz v. English Nanny & Governess School](#), Slip Opinion No. 2022-Ohio-3586.
- On 10.13.22, the Ohio Supreme Court ruled that the **search of a phone** owned by a man on community control, although illegal, did not violate his constitutional rights, and therefore could be used as evidence to convict him. [State v. Campbell](#), Slip Opinion No. 2022-Ohio-3626.
- On 10.13.22, the Ohio Supreme Court ruled that a trial court's failure to use the **specific language of sentencing statute in its sentencing entry** is not error when the entry conveys exactly the same meaning as the statutory language. [State v. Leegrand](#), Slip Opinion No. 2022-Ohio-3623.
- According to an advisory opinion published by the Ohio Board of Professional Conduct, a judge should not attend a training course that is offered by a law enforcement agency and open exclusively to judicial officers, prosecutors, and members of law enforcement. ([Opinion 2022-08](#))
- The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC) T-CAP grant program provides funding to counties who participate in the program and submit Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) indicating their willingness to participate (see ORC §2929.34 and §5149.38). **In preparation for the FY 24/25 operating budget, ODRC is requesting input regarding which counties intend to participate in the T-CAP grant program.** This input is important as it will assist the ODRC in determining the amount of funding to request from the general assembly to support the T-CAP grants. ODRC is requesting that counties provide an email response from one person authorized to respond on behalf of the county to [DRC.BCSgrants@odrc.state.oh.us](mailto:DRC.BCSgrants@odrc.state.oh.us) by **Friday 10.21.22** with county name and FY24/25 T-CAP participation level.
- **Did you know?** The [Supreme Court of Ohio Law Library](#) can assist you and your staff with **legal research needs** like scanning a definition from a dictionary or providing copies of legislative history materials. Email your research questions to [libref@sc.ohio.gov](mailto:libref@sc.ohio.gov).

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