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In Case You Missed It:

[Ohio Doubles Up to Legalize Marijuana: Sandusky Register](#)
[August 3, 2021](#)

[Ohio Lawmakers Who Want Sentencing Reform Also Increase Penalties for Crimes; WOSU, August 10, 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.

Legislative News: Two-Week Review

- **SB 215** (Sen. Johnson) **Duties of Concealed Weapons Licensees**, introduced 8.5.21. The bill generally eliminates the requirement for certain adults to obtain a license in order to carry a concealed handgun; Eliminates the requirement that a person must inform a law enforcement officer if they are carrying a concealed handgun; Establishes a pre-trial immunity process for those asserting a claim of self-defense in civil tort or criminal actions.
- **SB 216** (Sen. Johnson) **Infants Exposed to Drugs**, introduced 8.10.21. The bill authorizes a public children services agency to conduct an alcohol or drug test on an infant or the infant's mother if the agency receives a report of child abuse regarding an alleged substance-exposed infant. If the test comes back positive, the agency must file a complaint unless the court determines the positive result was due to medication-assisted treatment.
- **SB 218** (Sen. Antani) **Voyeurism**, introduced 8.10.21. The bill Increases penalties for the offense of voyeurism, for both first-time (from M3 to M1) and repeat offenders (F4 or F5).
- **SB 2**, which altered the process for **restoration to competency**, went into effect 8.3.21. The OJC's [Enactment News](#) is available on our website. Additionally, the OJC has coordinated with the Supreme Court to host a [Court Café](#) to provide education on SB 2 implementation, scheduled for 8.31.21 at noon via Zoom. The Court Café panel includes a mental health professional, a probate court magistrate, and a municipal court prosecutor.
- The Centers for Disease Control extended the [eviction moratorium](#) until 10.3.2021 in counties with high or substantial COVID-19 transmission rates. Ohio Legal Help provides [forms](#) needed by tenants or landlords and rental assistance money is still available through [Ohio's Community Action Agencies](#).
- The Ohio Judicial Conference has prepared a criminal offense list that contains information about every criminal offense in the Ohio Revised Code; it is a work in progress.
- Congratulations to the OJC Chair, Judge Joyce Campbell, who was [reelected to the board](#) of the **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)**! She also serves as the president for the NAMI Ohio Board of Directors.
- [Register](#): The Ohio Judicial Conference's **Annual Meeting** is 9.2 and 9.3.21 with 10+ hours of judicial education. The agenda includes presentations from Supreme Court scholar Professor Erwin Chemerinsky, forensic psychiatrist Dr. Phillip Resnick, and cyber-stalking expert Steven Bradley.
- Save the Date: The Ohio Council of County Elected Officials (OCCO) is hosting a **Legislative Reception** on 9.29.21, from 5 until 7 at the Ohio Statehouse. All elected officials are encouraged to attend to build relationships with attending legislators.
- "Beyond Colorblindness," a 10-part, CLE-pending webinar about race and the **American legal system**, starts 8.27.21. You can register [here](#).

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



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