

Legislative News: Two-Week Review



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In Case You Missed It:

[May is National Treatment Court Month](#)

[Constitutional Amendment Advances to August Ballot; Associated Press, May 10, 2023](#)

[OACTA Published its Spring 2023 Quarterly Review](#)

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.

- **HB 33** (Rep. Edwards) **State Operating Budget**, passed out of the House, 4.26.23. The budget bill contains some policy items, including: a change to the Good Samaritan law, a new offense of disability intimidation and an F3 penalty for sexual activity for hire if it involves someone with a developmental disability, expanded use of IDAT funds; and changes to the redirection of child support to caretakers previously introduced as 134 HB 83. The bill was amended before being voted out of the House to include two other items important to the judiciary: indigent defense administration and funding & supported decision-making for people under the supervision of a probate court.
- **HB 69** (Reps. Stewart, Willis) **Veterans Service Commissions**, amended 5.9.23. The House Armed Services and Veterans' Affairs Committee accepted an amendment that eliminates from the bill a requirement that one member of the commission be appointed by the board of county commissioners. This does not return the bill to current law, which provides a common pleas court judge authority to remove commission members if necessary.
- **HB 157** (Reps. Somani, Weinstein) **Hate Crimes**, introduced 4.25.23. The bill creates the Bureau of Hate Crimes in the Office of the Attorney General.
- **HB 161** (Reps. Hillyer, Miranda) **Spousal Exception**, introduced 4.26.23. The bill eliminates the spousal exceptions for the offenses of rape, sexual battery, unlawful sexual conduct with a minor, gross sexual imposition, sexual imposition, and importuning and to permit a person to testify against the person's spouse in a prosecution for any of those offenses.
- **HB 170** (Reps. Grim, Thomas) **Extreme Risk Protection Orders**, introduced 5.9.23. The bill allows family or household members, or law enforcement to obtain a court order that temporarily restricts a person's access to firearms if that person poses a danger to themselves or others.
- On 4.27.23, the Supreme Court submitted a raft of [proposed Rules changes to the legislature](#) for final approval. Most notably, CrimR 46 is set to be repealed, effective 7.1.23. The Court also approved revisions to Civil Rules Form 20, effective 7.1.23.
- On 4.20.23, the **Department of Justice** issued a [letter](#) to courts regarding **finances and fees** for youth and adults. The letter precedes a solicitation seeking a training and technical assistance provider to work with a select number of jurisdictions interested in reforming their fines and fees policies and practices. **Ohio has a [benchcard](#) on this topic and is ahead of the curve federally.**
- SB 288 made significant changes to **criminal record sealing**. The OJC and the Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission worked collaboratively to create a helpful chart, [available online](#).
- Save the Date: Join your colleagues and friends from across the state for the 2023 Ohio Judicial Conference **Annual Meeting "Ohio Judiciary in Changing Times"** September 14th – 15th at the Columbus Hilton at Easton. Registration information will be available soon.

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



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