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In Case You Missed It:

[Attorneys Must Share Vax Status Before In-Person Trial in Massachusetts; Law 360, May 7, 2021](#)

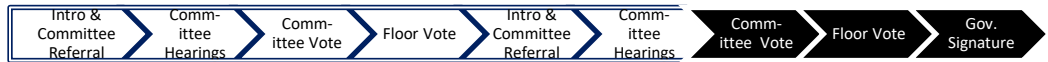
[Supreme Court Releases Juvenile Diversion Tools; Court News Ohio, May 19, 2021](#)

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Legislative News: Two-Week Review

- [HB 4](#) (Reps. Manchester, Plummer), **Child Abuse & Neglect Reporting**, amended and reported out of House committee, 5.20.21. The bill was amended to include an affidavit of access, which allows a juvenile court to consider an affidavit from Children Services when there are allegations of abuse, neglect or dependency that do not rise to the level of filing a complaint and access to the child is being obstructed.
- [HB 7](#) (Rep. Grendell) **Probate Omnibus**, signed by the Governor, 5.17.21. The bill changes Probate Law, Guardianship Law, the Ohio Trust Code, and the Ohio Legacy Trust Act. The bill adds guardrails to private judging, allows qualified nurses to make decisions about involuntary mental health placements, and conforms change-of-name procedures to the new federal guidelines that become effective next May. The bill goes into effect 90 days after signature.
- [HB 8](#) (Reps. Plummer, West) **Custodial Interrogations**, signed by the Governor, 5.17.21. The bill requires that custodial interrogations be recorded, with limited exceptions. The bill also makes some changes to the shackling provisions recently passed in HB 1, namely removing the requirements that a physician approve of restraint procedures, either before or after an individual is restrained and clarifying what constitutes solitary confinement. The bill goes into effect immediately.
- [HB 110](#) (Rep. Oelslager) **Operating Budget**, voted out of the House, 4.21.21. The bill currently contains provisions concerning automatic sealing of records associated with a Governor's unconditional pardon, IDAT fund use for specialized dockets, and **mandatory statewide T-CAP**.



- [HB 167](#) (Rep. Oelslager) **Rent and Utility Assistance**, signed by the Governor 5.11.21. The bill appropriates \$465 million in fiscal year 2021 to the Development Services Agency to fund an emergency rental and utility assistance program, per the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act. The bill goes into effect immediately.
- [SB 182](#) (Sens. S. Huffman, McColley) **Bail Reform**, introduced 5.18.21. See also companion bill, HB 315. The bill makes changes to the bail process, including requiring courts to make a preliminary pretrial release decision within 24 hours of a person's arrest, requiring courts to impose only the least restrictive conditions of release, and prohibiting the imposition of a secured bond that the person cannot afford to pay.
- [ODRC](#) has extended its **deadline for TCAP** applications until 6.7.21.
- The OSBA is offering [a free CLE](#) on **adoption basics** and critical issues. As a result of *In re Adoption of Y.E.F. (Slip Opinion No. 2020-Ohio-6785)*, indigent parents are now entitled to appointed counsel in contested adoption proceedings.
- Save the Date: The Ohio Judicial Conference's **Annual Meeting** is set for 9.2 and 9.3.21.

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



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