

Legislative News: Two-Week Review



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In Case You Missed It:

[Governor DeWine Announces Recommendations for Post-Release Control Supervision in Ohio, July 29, 2022](#)

[Veterans Suicide Prevention Conference, September 13, 2022, in Columbus](#)

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 25** (Sen. Gavarone) **Increased Penalties for Drug Trafficking**, went into effect 7.21.22. The bill enhances penalties for certain drug trafficking offenses committed in the vicinity of a substance addiction services provider or a recovering addict. See [Enactment News](#).
- **HB 427** (Reps. Manchester, White) **Prohibiting Addiction to Compel Prostitution**, will go into effect 9.13.22. The bill prohibits the use of a controlled substance or manipulation of controlled substance addiction as a method of human trafficking or to compel prostitution. See [Enactment News](#).
- President Joe Biden signed a **gun control measure**, the [Bipartisan Safer Communities Act](#) (S. 2938), on 6.25.22. The federal law may have some impact on Ohio law: it authorizes the use of Byrne JAG grant money to implement crisis intervention court programs, which could include mental health courts, drug courts, veterans courts, assisted outpatient treatment courts, as well as red flag or extreme risk protection order programs; it clarifies that someone who has been involuntarily committed as a juvenile may be barred from owning a firearm; and it encourages entering juvenile criminal records into NICS through the use of grants.
- The public comment period is over for proposed changes to the Rules of Superintendence regarding the **Sentencing Data Platform**. On 7.26.22, the Platform Governance Board issued a [memo](#) to address the submitted comments.
- **Did you know?** The Stepping Up Initiative is a national initiative targeted at reducing the number of **people with mental illnesses in jails**. The Stepping Up initiative brings together a diverse group of organizations, including those representing sheriffs, jail administrators, judges, community corrections professionals, treatment providers, people with mental illnesses and their families, mental health and substance use program directors, and other stakeholders. To find out if your county is already part of the Stepping Up Initiative, check on the [map](#); and go to their [website](#) for more information.
- **Save the Date:** The National Center for State Courts is hosting a 2-day workshop titled, "Fair and Effective Practices in **Jury System Management**" in Pittsburgh, PA, 9.28.22-9.30.22. It is designed for court administrators, clerks of court, jury managers, and judges with supervisory responsibility for jury operations. Register [here](#).
- **Save the Date:** The 2022 Veterans Summit "Lean Forward: Healing and Recovery" will be held 11.17.22 at Villa Milano in Columbus, Ohio. Look for registration materials later this month.
- **Save the Date:** the Ohio Judicial Conference's **Annual Meeting** takes place 9.15.22 and 9.16.22. This year's theme is "Envision this World: A Modern Judiciary." Join us for a U.S. constitutional law update and for discussions on judicial wellness and stress management; eWarrant implementation; medical marijuana; active shooters; and high-tech stalking of domestic violence victims. Registration is now open via the Ohio Judicial Conference's [website](#).

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