

Legislative News: Two-Week Review



April 17, 2023

In Case You Missed It:

[OSBA Launches of Judicial Election Information, April 4, 2023](#)

[NCSC Publishes Poster on Juror Responsibilities and Social Media](#)

[May 8 & 9: Understanding & Using Forensic Science & Expert Testimony in the Courtroom CLE](#)

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**, testimony begun in the Senate, 4.18.23. 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.
- **SB 105** (Sens. Johnson, Sykes) **Recovery Housing Residences**, introduced 4.5.23. The bill establishes requirements for recovery housing residences. If the OMHAS Director determines that a recovery housing residence is operating in violation of these requirements, OMHAS may bring a petition to enjoin its operation to the county's common pleas court in the county.
- **HB 144** (Rep. Manchester) **August Special Election**, introduced 3.29.23. The bill allows a special election to be held in August and makes an appropriation.
- **HB 148** (Rep. Dell'Aquila) **Child Enticement**, introduced 4.4.23. The bill requires sexual motivation as an element of the offense of criminal child enticement. The statute was found unconstitutionally broad in [State v. Romage](#), 138 Ohio St.3d 390, 2014-Ohio-783.
- **HB 150** (Reps. Miller, Upchurch) **Housing Discrimination**, introduced 4.4.23. The bill prohibits housing discrimination based on lawful sources of income, such as assistance through private grant or loan programs, and payments, benefits, or subsidies derived from a federal, state, or local government program.
- On 4.7.23, the Governor launched the Adoption Grant Program by [Executive Order 2023-09D](#). The [program](#) allows parents who have adopted since 1.1.23 to apply for a one-time grant.
- On 4.11.23, the Attorney General released the 2022 Capital Crimes State and Federal Cases [Report](#), which examines the **death penalty in Ohio** and characterizes it as a "broken system" that is "enormously expensive." Condemned inmates in Ohio spend nearly 21 years on average on death row before an execution date is set and 1 in every 6 death sentences issued is carried out.
- ODRC is hosting a free, 1-day, 6-CLE hour **Reentry Summit for Ohio Judges** in various locations that will provide an overview of the ODRC reception processes; ODRC programming; factors influencing releases; reentry courts; and reentry services provided pre- and post-release. Register for [6.3.23 in Ashland](#), [6.23.23 in Dayton](#), [7.28.23 in Lima](#), or [8.11.23 in Lancaster](#).
- **Save the Date:** The Ohio Jury Management Association (OJMA) is hosting its Annual Conference 4.28.23 with the theme "**Improving the Jury Service Experience.**" See the [program](#) and register through OhioCourtEDU.
- **Save the Date:** OJC's Annual **Judicial-Legislative Exchange** is planned for 5.9.23, in conjunction with **Law Day** and a bench-bar reception hosted by the OJC, the OSBA, and the Access to Justice Foundation. If you are interested in participating, please email justin.long@sc.ohio.gov.

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



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