

Legislative News: Two-Week Review



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In Case You Missed It:

[Ohio Attorney General Issues Legal Analyses of Ballot Issues 1 and 2](#)

[Enforcement Begins for Ohio's New Distracted Driving Law; WTOL11, October 5, 2023](#)

[County Commissioners Association Publishes State Budget Overview](#)

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 164** (Sen. Craig) **Firearms Registry**, introduced 10.3.23. The bill creates a Do Not Possess Firearms Registry, which the clerks of courts, among others, is to receive from the Attorney General and display on the court's website. Anyone on the Registry is prohibited from purchasing, possessing, or transporting a firearm; a violation of the prohibition is an M1.
- **HB 289** (Reps. Blasdel, Swearingen) **SORN Law**, introduced 10.2.23. The bill provides that if a Tier I or II sex offender fails to comply with SORN requirements, the period of time that the offender has a duty to comply is tolled during the time of the failure. The bill also makes disseminating matter harmful to juveniles (RC 2907.31) a sexually-oriented offense and a person who commits the offense a Tier I sex offender.
- Under 2941.401, in order to start the clock on a **speedy trial** timeline, a prisoner with a pending untried indictment must "cause to be delivered" to the prosecuting attorney and court written notice for a request of a final disposition. In [State v. Williams](#) (Slip Opinion No. 2023-Ohio-3647), decided 10.10.23, the Ohio Supreme Court found that a prisoner satisfies the requirement of "causing to be delivered" when he provides the necessary information to the warden where he is imprisoned, even if the warden fails to deliver the notice to the prosecutor and the court.
- In [State v. Toran](#) (Slip Opinion No. 2023-Ohio-3564), decided 10.4.23, the Ohio Supreme Court found that when law-enforcement officers comply with established procedures in good faith, a **warrantless inventory search** is reasonable and lawful under the Fourth Amendment.
- The OSBA is administering the **voter information website** judicialvotescount.org for the November 2023 general election and improving the website through feedback, which can be submitted via [online form](#).
- On 9.11.23, the Supreme Court published **proposed Rule amendments** for public comment. Proposed changes affect the Ohio Rules of Appellate Procedure (26), Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure (4, 4.1, 4.7, 30, and 45), Ohio Rules of Criminal Procedure (4), Ohio Rules of Evidence (702), and Ohio Rules of Juvenile Procedure (1). The public comment period ends 10.26.23 and comments should be directed to ruleamendments@sc.ohio.gov.
- If you would like to access the **Uniform Sentencing Entry template** created by the Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission, please contact interim director [Niki Hotchkiss](#). Note that the use of the template does not require data collection. The Commission is hosting a Zoom introduction of the Uniform Sentencing Entry on 10.20.23, from 2:00 until 3:30 – part of the time for demonstration and part for Q&A. Anyone is welcome to [join the Zoom discussion](#).
- The 9th Annual Lean Forward **Veterans Summit** will be held on 11.16.23 at Villa Milano in Columbus. [Register](#) for the summit, themed "Intercept 0/1: Reaching Veterans Before They Enter the Criminal Justice System." CEUs and CLEs pending.

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



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