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In Case You Missed It:

[Ohio's Criminal Code Has Grown Nearly Fivefold Since 1980; NBC4, December 6, 2022](#)

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Legislative News: Two-Week Review

- [HB 279](#) (Reps. Brown, Oelslager) **Wrongful Death**, House concurred with Senate amendments, 12.14.22. The bill limits the time within which extended family may present claims in a wrongful death action when the decedent is survived by immediate family to 1 year.
- [HB 286](#) (Rep. Seitz) **Agency Order Appeal**, House concurred with Senate amendments, 12.13.22. The bill allows certain state agency appeals to be filed in the county where the complainant resides (as opposed to Franklin County) and modernizes the Hamilton County Drug Court.
- [SB 288](#) (Sen. Manning) **Criminal Justice Omnibus**, Senate concurred with House amendments, 12.14.22. The bill was heavily amended to include a number of other bills that had been pending before the legislature: HB 456 decriminalizing fentanyl drug testing strips; HB 504 prohibiting disturbing religious worship; HB 283 prohibiting types of distracted driving; SB 90 making strangulation a stand-alone crime; and HB 64 criminalizing fraudulent assisted reproduction.
- [HB 343](#) (Rep. White) **Marsy's Law**, House concurred with Senate amendments, 12.14.22. The bill codifies the rights of victims that were recently amended into the Ohio Constitution.
- [HB 567](#) (Reps. Brown, Stewart) **Civil Dockets**, House concurred with Senate amendments, 12.14.22. The bill requires documents on the civil docket to be available online. The bill also makes permanent the concurrent jurisdiction of the municipal and common pleas drug court in Seneca County.
- In [Opinion 2022-12](#) (12.9.22), Ohio Board of Professional Conduct stated that a prosecutor may prepare a **judgment entry** at the direction of a judge, but should not engage in subsequent communications about changes to the entry unless opposing counsel is included.
- In [Opinion 2022-018](#) (12.14.22), the Attorney General stated that under R.C. 2301.24, the cost for copies of **court transcripts** is subject to the fee schedule in R.C. 149.43 and is not set by the Court of Common Pleas. The Court of Common Pleas also does not have discretion to limit free electronic copies of transcripts to only those copies of transcripts filed in delinquency or criminal cases.
- On 12.5.22, in [State v. Yerkey](#) (Slip Opinion No. 2022-Ohio-4298), the Ohio Supreme ruled that wages lost by crime victim as a result of victim's voluntarily attending criminal-court proceedings do not qualify for **restitution** from offender, because such losses are not a direct and proximate result of the commission of the offense.
- On 12.8.22, in [In re Adoption of H.P.](#) (Slip Opinion No. 2022-Ohio-4369), the Ohio Supreme Court ruled that **establishing paternity** after an adoption petition has been filed does not restore the rights of a father who did not register as a putative father.
- Ohio Kinnect to Family is hosting a **"Supporting Kin-First Culture in the Courtroom"** program, designed to support those practicing and participating in Juvenile Court, specifically child abuse and neglect matters, in their family involvement. [Register](#) for the 1.11.23 program bringing together those advocates and champions for family to help in the initial stages of this program.
- This is the last issue of the Legislative News for 2022 and the 134th General Assembly. See you in 2023! Have a Happy New Year!

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