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In Case You Missed It:

[May is National Treatment Court Month](#)

[Divided Ballot Board Approves Issue 1 Language, Explanation](#)

[New Statewide Online Portal to Streamline Adoption and Foster Care Process Launched](#)

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.

Legislative News: Two-Week Review

- **HB 33** (Rep. Edwards) **State Operating Budget**, passed out of the House, 4.26.23. 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. The bill was amended before being voted out of the House to include two other items important to the judiciary: indigent defense administration and funding & supported decision-making for people under the supervision of a probate court.
- **SB 122** (Sens. Hicks-Hudson, Manning) **Bail Considerations**, introduced 5.17.23. The bill essentially mirrors what is soon to be extirpated CrimR 46, with the additional requirement that public safety be considered and some harmonization throughout the rest of the Code.
- **HB 179** (Reps. Mathews, Stewart) **Vicarious Liability**, introduced 5.22.23. For certain tort actions (product liability claims and real estate defect claims; medical, dental, optometric, or chiropractic claims; assault or battery actions against a mental health professional; and legal malpractice claims), the statute of limitations is tolled if the defendant(s) absconded, concealed, etc. For vicarious liability malpractice actions, a primarily liable person is a necessary party to the suit.
- **HB 181** (Reps. Hillyer, Williams) **Recorded Instruments**, introduced 5.22.23. The bill requires counties to provide an electronic means of recording instruments and of accessing recorded instruments by 1.1.25.
- On 4.27.23, the Supreme Court submitted a raft of [proposed Rules changes to the legislature](#) for final approval. Most notably, CrimR 46 is set to be repealed, effective 7.1.23. The Court also approved revisions to Civil Rules Form 20, effective 7.1.23.
- SB 288 made significant changes to **criminal record sealing**. The OJC and the Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission worked collaboratively to create a helpful chart, [available online](#).
- On 4.20.23, the **Department of Justice** issued a [letter](#) to courts regarding **finances and fees** for youth and adults. The letter precedes a solicitation seeking a training and technical assistance provider to work with a select number of jurisdictions interested in reforming their fines and fees policies and practices. **Ohio has a [benchmark](#) on this topic and is ahead of the curve federally.**
- More than 700,000 adult Ohioans have not earned their high school diplomas or equivalency – and earning a GED can help in rehabilitation. The Ohio Departments of Education and Higher Education will host several in-person [regional events](#) during the week of 6.12.23, to promote no-cost or low-cost routes for adults to earn diplomas or the equivalent.
- The [Supreme Court of Ohio Law Library](#) can assist you and your staff with **legal research needs** like scanning early series sections from *Ohio Jurisprudence* or *American Jurisprudence* or from older treatises. Email your research questions to libref@sc.ohio.gov.

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



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