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**In Case You Missed It:**

[NCSC Accepting Applications for Eviction Diversion Initiative until April 21, 2023](#)

[Intraparty Power Battle Roiling Lawmaking in Ohio; Associated Press, February 15, 2023](#)

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 5](#) (Reps. Baker, Ray) **Adoption Modernization**, introduced 2.15.23. The bill states the intent to modernize adoption; there is no bill text yet.
- [HB 14](#) (Reps. Creech, John) **Shared Parenting**, introduced 2.15.23. The bill requires custody to be split evenly between parents and states that that is in the best interest of the child.
- [HB 20](#) (Rep. Swearingen) **Computer Crimes**, introduced 2.15.23. The bill modernizes computer crimes throughout the Code and creates new offenses pertaining to computers.
- [HB 29](#) (Reps. Brewer, Humphrey) **Child Support**, introduced 2.15.23. The bill expands factors the CSEA can consider to allow limited driving privileges and expands a court's ability to do so as well.
- [HB 33](#) (Rep. Edwards) **FY24-25 State Operating Budget**, introduced 2.15.23.
- [HB 34](#) (Reps. King, Klopfenstein) **Juror Exception**, introduced 2.15.23. The bill allows breastfeeding mothers to ask to be excused from jury duty.
- [HB 35](#) (Reps. Miranda, Seitz) **Statutes of Limitations**, introduced 2.15.23. The bill eliminates statutes of limitations for child sexual abuse civil cases.
- [HB 37](#) (Reps. Johnson, Miller) **OVI**, introduced 2.15.23. The bill increases penalties for OVI offense.
- [HB 59](#) (Rep. Galonski) **Evictions**, introduced 2.16.23. The bill creates an Eviction Defense Fund to fund counsel for indigent eviction defendants.
- [SB 37](#) (Sens. Blessing, Ingram) **Driver's License Suspension Changes**, introduced 1.31.23. The bill changes driver's license suspensions for certain drug offenses, failure to pay child support and failure to provide proof of financial responsibility.
- [SB 46](#) (Sen. Roegner) **E-Wills**, introduced 2.7.23. The bill expands the laws on wills, declarations or living wills, durable powers of attorney for health care, powers of attorney, and transfer on death designation affidavits by providing for their execution electronically.
- The Ohio Public Defender published a [memo](#) update on the indigent defense reimbursement rate.
- The Ohio Board of Professional Conduct released [Advisory Opinion 2023-01](#), stating that a judge may not solicit local businesses, or direct a court employee to solicit local businesses, to donate items for use as program rewards and incentives for participants in a specialized docket.
- **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](mailto:justin.long@sc.ohio.gov).
- Did you know? If the attendance of an inmate is required at a court hearing, RC 2941.40 & 2941.41 provide that a warrant of removal shall be directed at the county sheriff and the sheriff is responsible for conveying the inmate from DRC to the county jail. DRC also offers videoconference options for appearances of its inmates, by sending an email to [drc.videoconference@odrc.state.oh.us](mailto:drc.videoconference@odrc.state.oh.us). DRC asks for a minimum of 3 weeks notice.
- **Did you know?** You can sign up for [updates](#) to learn what is happening at the [OneOhio Foundation](#), the state agency tasked with distributing opiate lawsuit settlement funds.

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



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