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Legislation and Policy in the News:

[CARA Passes the House;](#)
[Portsmouth Daily Times, July 8,](#)
[2016](#)

[Prosecutors, DeWine Don't](#)
[Support Recommendation for](#)
[Handling Fatal Use of Force](#)
[Cases; Columbus Dispatch, July](#)
[15, 2016](#)



The Ohio Judicial Conference is dedicated to serving all Ohio judges. It is the voice of the judiciary and the primary resource to ensure the fair, unbiased, open, and effective administration of justice.

Legislative News: Two Week Review

- Speaker Rosenberger announced one new session date for the summer: the House will have [session](#) 8.2.16 to fill vacancies in districts 3 and 47. After that, the House will not re-convene until 11.15.16 and plans to complete its work by 12.14.16. The Senate is scheduled to have [session](#) starting 9.27.16, with 20 possible session dates before it completes its work on 12.28.16.
- **HB 585** (Rep. Antani) **Police Body Cameras**, introduced 7.11.16. The bill provides that a record created by a law enforcement body camera generally is a public record, although there are circumstances in which such a record is not a public record but can become a public record. Personal information can be redacted and records must be maintained for at least a year.
- Enactment News is available on the OJC website for the following bills:
 - **HB 50:** Fostering Connections funding extended, Guardianship Guides mandated
 - **HB 110:** Increased penalty for hit & run, amended to include Good Samaritan provision for seeking medical help for overdose
 - **HB 123:** Authority to waive PSI if court and both parties agree
 - **SB 204:** Drug charge license suspensions to be discretionary
 - **SB 321:** Public records requests appeals to go to Court of Claims
 - **HB 390:** Tax bill that was amended to include the expedited foreclosure language from HB 143, the foreclosure private selling officer language from HB 436, and language returning funding to the OJC
- The Ohio Supreme Court's **Task Force to Examine Improvements to the Grand Jury** released its [report](#), 7.13.16. The report recommends that the Attorney General have exclusive authority to investigate and prosecute police lethal use-of-force cases. It also suggests amendments to Crim.R. 6, R.C. Chapter 2939, and jury instructions.
- As of July 1, amendments to the [Rules of Superintendence](#) and new [probate forms](#) will be effective. Specifically, [Sup. R. 5.01](#) addressing shackling of juveniles in court and [Sup. R. 80 and 87](#) addressing access to foreign or sign language interpreters in court have been amended.
- Save the Date: **The OJC's Annual Meeting, "...And Justice for All: The American Promise,"** (9.75 total CJE hours) will take place on September 15 & 16 at the Columbus Hilton at Easton. Registrations have been mailed and it is possible to register via mail, fax, or [online](#).

For a complete list of bills that affect the judiciary, please visit the [OJC website](#).



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