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In Case You Missed It:

[Death Penalty: Passionate Fight on Statehouse Floor](#)
[Pending: Morning Journal, May 25, 2021](#)

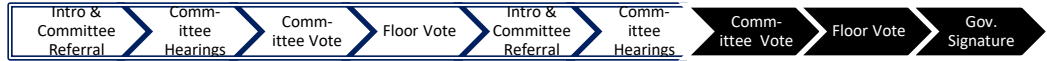
[Pandemic Era Jury Trial Innovations May be Here to Stay; Law360, May 20, 2021](#)

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

Legislative News: Two-Week Review

- **HB 110** (Rep. Oelslager) **Operating Budget**, voted out of the House, 4.21.21. The bill currently contains provisions concerning automatic sealing of records associated with a Governor's unconditional pardon, IDAT fund use for specialized dockets, and clarification to recent changes to RC 2929.15. The Senate changed the **mandatory statewide TCAP** in the House version of the budget to a voluntary TCAP expanded to include not just F5s, but F4s as well. The budget is expected to be voted out of the Senate this week and sent to Conference Committee.



- **SB 186** (Sens. Lang, McColley) **Federal Actions**, introduced 5.25.21. The bill allows the general assembly to adopt a concurrent resolution to require the attorney general to initiate, under either the Ohio or the U. S. Constitution, an action challenging an executive order issued by the president of the United States or a rule issued by a federal agency.
- **HB 319** (Reps. Galonski, Richardson) **Human Trafficking Record Expungement**, introduced 5.19.21. See also: [SB 183](#). The bill expands the current record expungement process by requiring only that a person be a victim of human trafficking to be eligible for expungement. Current law requires that the person have a conviction under R.C. 2907.24, 2907.241, or 2907.25 (Soliciting, Loitering to Solicit, Soliciting with HIV) to be eligible. The bill does not provide criteria for what constitutes a human trafficking victim, and presumably refers to both sex and labor trafficking.
- **HB 332** (Reps. Denson, West) **Police Immunity**, introduced 6.1.21. The bill eliminates qualified immunity in civil actions against peace officers who deprive any individual of rights and provides indemnification by the political subdivision employing such a peace officer.
- The OSBA is offering [a free CLE on adoption basics](#) and critical issues. As a result of *In re Adoption of Y.E.F. (Slip Opinion No. 2020-Ohio-6785)*, indigent parents are now entitled to appointed counsel in contested adoption proceedings. Please note: *There is language currently in the budget (HB 110) to counteract this opinion.*
- ODRC promulgated [new policies](#) for interactions between **attorneys and prison inmates**.
- A [fact sheet](#) prepared by the Ohio Access to Justice Foundation is available explaining the BMV's **Driver's License Reinstatement Fee Amnesty Program**, made permanent last year in HB 285, and in effect since 9.15.20.
- Save the Date: The Ohio Judicial Conference's **Annual Meeting** is 9.2 and 9.3.21 with +10 hours of judicial education. The agenda includes presentations from Supreme Court scholar Professor Erwin Chemerinsky, forensic psychiatrist Dr. Phillip Resnick, and cyber-stalking expert Steven Bradley.
- Save the Date: The Ohio Council of County Elected Officials (OCCO) is hosting a **Legislative Reception** on 9.28.21, from 5 until 7 at the Ohio Statehouse.

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



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