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In Case You Missed It:

[Virtual Town Hall Takes Aim at Ohio's New "Stand Your Ground" Law; Akron Beacon Journal, April 1, 2021](#)

[Bureau of Justice Statistics Releases Report on Time Spent in State Prisons in 2018](#)

[Ohio Public Health Orders](#)

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 1** will go into effect on 4.12.21. The bill makes changes to the hearings required for ILC and to the eligibility for sealing criminal records. One of the provisions in HB 1 is a general prohibition on using **solitary confinement or physical restraints on a woman known to be pregnant or post-partum**. The Attorney General was tasked with providing training on the new law, and they have created both written [guidelines](#) and a training [video](#). **HB 431**, which allows for SORN re-classification in a narrow set of circumstances, likewise goes into effect 4.12.21. **SB 175**, the Stand Your Ground Law, went into effect 4.6.21. Enactment News detailing each of these bills is available on the OJC website.

- **HB 74** (Rep. Oelslager) **Transportation Budget**, signed by the Governor, 4.2.21. The bill authorizes the Ohio BMV to renew licenses online. Remedial driver training courses can also be completed online. The bill goes into effect on 7.1.21.

- **HB 110** (Rep. Oelslager) **Operating Budget**, substitute bill expected week of 4.12.21.



The bill currently contains provisions concerning penalties for gun crimes, reports of protection orders to NCIC, reports of NGRI or incompetence to stand trial to the Attorney General, and a reduction of community control terms for both felonies and misdemeanors.

- [The Stepping Up Initiative](#) is an ongoing effort to keep mentally ill people out of jails and the criminal justice system. Their most recent accomplishments include developing a working definition of "mental illness" and providing clarification for judges concerning Medicaid and HIPPA restrictions.
- The Commission on Rules of Practice and Procedure has written an [open letter to Clerks of Court, the Bench, and the Bar of Ohio addressing pandemic-related problems with certified mail](#), which has historically been used to preserve the constitutional right of actual notice in legal matters.
- Starting 7.1.21, the Supreme Court is requiring courts to first opt for releasing people on personal recognizance and for counties with multiple courts to use a [uniform bail schedule](#).
- The OJC's [Court Technology Conference](#) is scheduled for 4.28.21. The Conference is virtual and registration online is currently open.
- The OJC's [Retired Judges Seminar](#) is scheduled for 4.22.21. The Conference is virtual and registration online is currently [open](#).
- The Ohio Substance Abuse Monitoring (OSAM) Network has released its latest report "[Surveillance of Drug Trends in the State of Ohio, January – June 2020](#)."

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



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