

Legislative News: Two-Week Review



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In Case You Missed It:

[*The Ohio Ballot Board Has Assigned the Bail Amendment as Issue 1 and Approved Ballot Language, August 22, 2022*](#)

[*U.S. Department of Justice Report on Impact of COVID on State and Federal Prisons, August 2022*](#)

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.

- **[SB 357](#)** (Sen. Dolan) **Firearms**, introduced 8.18.22. The bill creates a probate court procedure for issuing safety protection orders; requires LEADS and NCIC inclusion of protection orders; modifies procedures and criminal offenses related to firearm transfers; and modifies laws regarding certain provisions related to mental health treatment.
- As of 8.16.22, the Supreme Court of Ohio has revised the Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio and the Rules for the Government of the Judiciary of Ohio to relocate the continuing legal education requirements for magistrates and acting judges [from Gov.Bar R. X to Gov.Jud.R. IV](#).
- The Supreme Court of Ohio is accepting public comments until 9.29.22 on the Probate Judges Association's proposed 2022 **[Standard Probate Form amendments](#)**.
- Effective on 7.1.22, courts must adopt, by local rule, a **technology plan**. A "Technology Plan Guidance for Local Courts" is available [online](#). The guide was developed by the Supreme Court of Ohio in collaboration with the OJC Court Technology Committee.
- The **Task Force on Conviction Integrity and Postconviction Review** has released its [report and recommendations](#). The recommended modifications to statutes and court rules include ending cash bail and prohibiting "dark pleas" (when a defendant is released in exchange for dropping the motion for a new trial before a hearing is held or ruling is made). Another recommendation is the creation of an Innocence Inquiry Commission.
- On 8.11.22, the Ohio Supreme Court ruled that a decision on a motion to **modify intervention in lieu of conviction conditions** is not a final, appealable order. [State v. Yontz](#), (Slip Opinion No. 2022-Ohio-2745)
- On 8.18.22, the Ohio Supreme Court ruled that when an offender is convicted of a charge while other charges in the same indictment are dismissed, the offender **cannot request to seal the records** of the dismissed charges until all the records in the case are eligible to be sealed. [State v. G.K.](#) (Slip Opinion No. 2022-Ohio-2858) The Chief Justice wrote separately to point out that it is within the legislature's purview to consider allowing sealing records of dismissed charges. She stated that "[i]n the interest of fairness and justice, it should do so."
- **Save the Date:** The National Center for State Courts is hosting a 2-day workshop titled, "Fair and Effective Practices in **Jury System Management**" in Pittsburgh, PA, 9.28.22-9.30.22. Register [here](#).
- **Save the Date:** The 2022 Veterans Summit "Lean Forward: Healing and Recovery" will be held 11.17.22 at Villa Milano in Columbus, Ohio. Look for registration materials later this month.
- **Save the Date:** the Ohio Judicial Conference's **Annual Meeting** takes place 9.15.22 and 9.16.22. This year's theme is "Envision this World: A Modern Judiciary." Join us for a U.S. constitutional law update and for discussions on judicial wellness and stress management; eWarrant implementation; medical marijuana; active shooters; and high-tech stalking of domestic violence victims. Registration is now open via the Ohio Judicial Conference's [website](#).

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