



BillBoard

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BillBoard is a publication of the Ohio Judicial Conference that lists bills the Judicial Conference staff is monitoring on behalf of Ohio Judges and that tracks the status of items on the Judicial Conference Legislative Platform. Bills marked as having a judicial impact are priority bills that the Conference supports, opposes, or seeks to amend. Bills without such a designation are bills that have a minimal impact or that are of interest to judges.

The Ohio Judicial Conference exists for the purpose of studying the coordination of the work of the several courts of Ohio, the encouragement of uniformity in the application of the law, rules, and practice throughout the state and within each division of the courts as an integral part of the judicial system of the state; to promote an exchange of experience and suggestions respecting the operation of the judicial system; and in general to consider the business and problems pertaining to the administration of justice and to make recommendations for its improvement. We are authorized by Revised Code section 105.911 to determine the judicial impact of bills and resolutions introduced in the General Assembly.

LEGISLATION

APPELLATE LAW & PROCEDURE

[HB 149](#) (Require certain judicial candidates have party ballot designation)

[TESTIMONY](#)

[HB 286](#) (Change the venue for appeal from an agency order)

[SB 80](#) (Require certain judicial candidates have party ballot designation)

[TESTIMONY](#)

CIVIL LAW & PROCEDURE

[HB 53](#) (Regards certain statutes of limitation and repose)

[HB 63](#) (Revise eminent domain law)

[HB 199](#) (Remove damage cap for noneconomic loss for rape victims)

[HB 256](#) (Allow certain crime victims to terminate rental agreement)

[HB 266](#) (Regards statutes of limitation for rape and child sexual abuse)

[HB 279](#) (Regards wrongful death claims)

[HB 332](#) (Regards qualified immunity for peace officers; indemnification)

[HB 339](#) (Regards wills, declarations, living wills, powers of attorney)

[SB 4](#) (Exempt personal info of certain persons from public records law)

[SB 13](#) (Regards certain statutes of limitation and repose)

[SB 39](#) (Enacts Cooper's Law regarding crimes and record retention)

[SB 41](#) (Requires restitution or reimbursement for certain crimes)

[SB 158](#) (Regards expungement of eviction case court files)

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

[HB 183](#) (Abolish the death penalty; revise juror challenge numbers)

[HB 315](#) (Make bail changes)

COURT ADMINISTRATION

[SB 39](#) (Enacts Cooper's Law regarding crimes and record retention)

[SB 158](#) (Regards expungement of eviction case court files)

[SB 182](#) (Make bail changes)

CRIMINAL LAW & PROCEDURE

[HB 3](#) (Enact Aisha's Law regarding domestic violence / arrest authority)

[HB 4](#) (Regards child abuse and neglect reporting)

[HB 8](#) (Revise electronic recording of custodial interrogations)

[HB 22](#) (Expand the offense of obstructing justice)

[HB 44](#) (Increase assault penalties in certain circumstances)

[HB 109](#) (Increase penalties-certain criminal offenses; peace officer)

HB 110

[HB 121](#) (Eliminate sex crime spousal exceptions; permit spousal testimony)

[HB 161](#) (Enact Jacob's Law re: certain child abuse-related offenses)

[HB 166](#) (Regards criminal sentencing and correction)

[HB 183](#) (Abolish the death penalty; revise juror challenge numbers)

[HB 266](#) (Regards statutes of limitation for rape and child sexual abuse)

[HB 279](#) (Regards wrongful death claims)

[HB 287](#) (Create offense: strangulation by a law enforcement officer)

[HB 315](#) (Make bail changes)

[HB 319](#) (Enact Expanding Human Trafficking Justice Act)

[HB 332](#) (Regards qualified immunity for peace officers; indemnification)

[HB 343](#) (Revise the law regarding rights of crime victims)

[HB 345](#) (Require human impact statement for criminal justice bills)

[SB 2](#) (Regards criminal case competency and enters Ohio into PSYPACT)

[Testimony](#)

[SB 25](#) (Enact Relapse Reduction Act regarding drug tests and trafficking)

[SB 34](#) (Increase penalties for arson and related offenses)

[SB 36](#) (Revise eligibility for crime victim reparations)

[SB 39](#) (Enacts Cooper's Law regarding crimes and record retention)

[SB 41](#) (Requires restitution or reimbursement for certain crimes)

[SB 72](#) (Prohibit assault by a law enforcement officer)

[SB 73](#) (Regards firearms transfers; require background check)

[SB 76](#) (Restore local authority to regulate firearms-related conduct)

[SB 77](#) (Regards certain items that increase firearms' rate of fire)

[SB 90](#) (Prohibit impeding breathing or circulation of family members)

[SB 103](#) (Abolish the death penalty; revise juror challenge numbers)

SB 126

[SB 149](#) (Regards scope, reporting, and training re: bias-motivated crime)

[SB 182](#) (Make bail changes)

[SB 183](#) (Enact Expanding Human Trafficking Justice Act)

[SB 185](#) (Regards emergency powers when suppressing a riot; firearms rights)

DOMESTIC RELATIONS LAW & PROCEDURE

[HB 4](#) (Regards child abuse and neglect reporting)[HB 83](#) (Revise child support laws with regard to caretakers)

[HB 103](#) (Regards adoption / duration of emergency rules)

[HB 108](#) (Regards parental right of disposition for deceased adult child)

JURY SERVICE

JUVENILE LAW & PROCEDURE

[HB 83](#) (Revise child support laws with regard to caretakers)

[HB 161](#) (Enact Jacob's Law regarding certain child abuse-related offenses)

[HB 226](#) (Expand intimidation offenses to guardian's ad litem/advocates)

PROBATE LAW & PROCEDURE

[SB 2](#) (Regards criminal case competency and enters Ohio into PSYPACT)

[Testimony](#)

[HB 7](#) (Revise Probate Law, Guardianship Law, and Ohio Trust Code)

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[Testimony](#)

[HB 279](#) (Regards wrongful death claims)

SPECIALIZED DOCKETS

[SB 207](#) (Modifies the Hamilton County Drug Court's jurisdiction)

TRAFFIC LAW & PROCEDURE

[HB 111](#) (Regards use of handheld electronic wireless device while driving)

[HB 283](#) (Prohibit driving while using electronic communications device)

[SB 203](#) (Regards operating a vehicle under the influence of marijuana)

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THE OJC IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE JUDICIAL BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT.

With every sitting judge in Ohio in its membership, the Ohio Judicial Conference is *the* voice of Ohio's judges. The Conference is organized into 20 working committees that review statutes, legislation, and court rules, and make recommendations aimed at improving the administration of justice. The Conference provides critical analysis of legislative initiatives and makes suggestions for reform and modernization through its legislative platform. The Conference publishes reports, impact statements, enactment news, policy statements, model rules, bench books, resource guides, and newsletters, and writes the Ohio Jury Instructions. The Conference advances judicial and legal education through continuing legal education events in collaboration with the Ohio Judicial College and Ohio State Bar Association.

THE OJC GIVES YOUR LOCAL JUDGES A FORUM, A RESOURCE, AND A VOICE.

The members of the Judicial Conference are kept apprised of legislative developments that impact court administration, criminal, civil, traffic, probate, domestic relations, and juvenile law. The Conference enables judges, who often have divergent opinions individually, to build consensus and speak with one voice. It acts as a forum for them to review and render opinions on the construction and effect of legislation, rules proposals, and other initiatives, and to suggest statutory and rule changes to address problems plaguing the administration of justice. It provides a meaningful way for judges to maintain effective communications with their colleagues, learn about changes in the law, and share ideas for implementation in Ohio's diverse communities.

THE OJC PROVIDES LEGISLATORS INSIGHT, INFORMATION, AND ANALYSIS.

Judges solemnly respect the distinct and separate roles of the legislature, judiciary, and executive branches of government. The Ohio Judicial Conference was statutorily created to serve the Ohio Legislature by providing insight into proposed legislation that could impact courts. The Conference strives to be a resource to the members of the General Assembly. All legislators have access to the Ohio Judicial Conference as a source of judicial feedback, research, and recommendations. Judges are in a unique position to provide early insight and perspectives on the practical impact of changes in the law that will help to avoid unintended consequences and protracted litigation. The combined experience of the Conference's judges give legislators insight that otherwise might be overlooked, to the detriment of the legislative process and the uniform administration of justice.

THE OJC HELPS TO INSTILL PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN THE JUDICIARY.

Public confidence in the judiciary is one of the priorities of the Ohio Judicial Conference. When the Conference reviews bills, a significant and practical focus is how that bill will impact the public's access to the courts, their ability to obtain justice, and their right to be treated fairly under the law. Another of the Conference's priorities is to provide the General Assembly with insight on how legislation impacts court caseload and workload, insight that helps control the costs to the public of operating Ohio's courts.