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In Case You Missed It:

[*The Federal Office of Victims of Crime Created Support Materials for Child Victims and Witnesses*](#)

[*Chief Justice, Judge Carroll, Senator Brown Tout Eviction Relief; CNO, September 17, 2021*](#)

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Legislative News: Two-Week Review

- [SB 25](#) (Sen. Gavarone) **Penalty Increases and New Offense**, passed Senate, 9.15.21. The bill increases penalties for drug offenses committed near treatment centers or recovering addicts. It also creates a new offense, “defrauding an alcohol, drug, or urine screening test,” that pertains to the use of synthetic urine, a urine additive, or another person’s urine to defraud such a test.
- [SB 226](#) (Sens. Antonio, Kunze) **Statute of Limitations**, introduced 9.15.21. The bill states the statute of limitations for child abuse does not begin to run until the victim turns 26 (current statute reads until the victim reaches the “age of majority”). The bill does not change the other way the statute of limitations begins to run, which is when the PCSA or the local peace officer has been notified that child abuse is known or suspected.
- Recently, the OJC worked with the Supreme Court to host a Court Café presentation about the recently enacted [SB 2](#), which impacts determinations of and restorations to competency to stand trial. The presentation was recorded and can be viewed [online](#).
- The Rules Commission published [proposed Rule changes](#), as well as iCourt Task Force [recommended changes to the Rules of Superintendence](#). Public Comment is open till 11.4.21.
- As a reminder, [HB 110](#) changed the law concerning **post-release control** and will go into effect at the end of this month. The law is unchanged for a felony sex offense, but mandatory PRC in all other cases is changed: from 5 years to “up to 5 years, but not less than 2 years” for an F1; from 3 years to “up to 3 years, but not less than 18 months” for an F2; from 3 years to “up to 3 years, but not less than 1 year” for an F3. If the PRC is discretionary, the term is changed from a maximum of 3 years to a maximum of 2 years for an F3, F4, or F5.
- The [Home Relief Program](#) is still available to help avoid **evictions** for nonpayment of rent. Ohioans can receive assistance with rent, mortgage, or utilities from the state of Ohio, through their local [Community Action Agency](#).
- The Ohio Judicial Conference has prepared a [criminal offense list](#) that contains information about every criminal offense in the Ohio Revised Code; it is a work in progress.
- [My Ohio Rights](#) is a new initiative by the OSBA to help ensure young people have access to reliable and accessible information about their rights and responsibilities, beginning with three short, animated videos covering police stops, recording police interactions and how they can get involved in changing the law.
- Save the Date: The [2021 Veterans Summit](#) “Lean Forward: Employment and Housing Support for Veterans” is 11.18.21 at Villa Milano in Columbus. Attendance is free, and the venue has ample room for social distancing.
- The Ohio Council of County Elected Officials (OCCO) is hosting a [Legislative Reception](#) on 9.29.21, from 5 until 7 at the Ohio Statehouse. All elected officials are encouraged to attend.

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



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