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In Case You Missed It:

[Gov. DeWine Decries Deadly July on Ohio Highways, Pushes Lawmakers to Pass Distracted Driving Bill; cleveland.com, September 2, 2020](#)

[2020 Municipal Guide](#)

[CCAO Legislative Alert regarding CARES funds](#)

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Legislative News: Two-Week Review

- [HB 272](#) (Sen. Oelslager) **Court Jurisdiction**, House concurred in Senate amendments, 9.1.20. The bill expands the basis of a court's exercise of personal jurisdiction to include any basis consistent with the Ohio and U.S. Constitutions; in other words, Ohio's long-arm jurisdiction is expanded. The bill also contained two amendments restricting the Governor's authority to either change elections or close houses of worship during a public health emergency.
- [HB 606](#) (Rep. Grendell) COVID-19 **Civil Immunity**, conference committee reports bill favorably, 9.1.20. The bill grants civil immunity to a person who provides services for essential businesses and operations for injury, death, or loss that was caused by the transmission of COVID-19 during the period of emergency declared by Executive Order 2020-01D. The bill was originally meant to expire 12.31.20, but an amendment in conference committee makes the expiration date 12.31.21.
- [HB 753](#) (Rep. Becker) **Negligent Assault**, introduced 8.31.20. The bill adds to RC 2903.14 (Negligent Assault) by prohibiting an adult from negligently causing physical harm to someone younger than 13. The crime is an M4.
- Effective 9.4.20 until 12.31.20, the U.S. Center for Disease Control has issued an [order](#) to temporarily **halt residential evictions** to slow the spread of COVID-19. The halt in evictions is not limited to federally-supported housing as in the CARES Act, but is limited to cases of non-payment of rent (eviction complaints can still be filed). To prevail, a tenant [must show](#) by a preponderance of the evidence that: (1) the tenant made efforts to get government assistance with rent; (2) the tenant was eligible for a stimulus check; (3) the tenant was unable to pay rent because of loss of job, hours, or wages or because of extraordinary medical costs; (4) the tenant made best efforts to make partial rent payments; and (5) if evicted, the tenant would become homeless or be forced to move in with other people in close quarters. More information is available [online](#).
- The Ohio Judicial Conference has recently updated its [Budget Resource Handbook](#). The case law is now updated through 2020, new guidance on the use of special project funds is included, and a new section on budget crises has been added.
- On 8.31.20, the Sentencing Commission's Ad Hoc Committee on a **Uniform Sentencing Entry** produced its [report with recommendations](#), as well as [appendices](#).
- Several Court Rule [amendments](#) went into effect 7.1.20; an explanation of the changes to **Civil Rules of Practice and Procedure** 4, 16, 26, and 53 written by Judge Frye of Franklin County, for the OSBA can be found on the OJC website.
- The **Ohio Public Defender** has released a [new memo](#) outlining options it has developed for counties in an effort to provide support and assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The **OJC's Annual Meeting** is taking place this week on 9.10 and 9.11.20. If you have any questions concerning the Annual Meeting, please call 614.387.9750.

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



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