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***In Case You Missed It:***

[Ohio Marijuana Industry, Clamoring for Reform, May Finally Get Its Wish; Crain's Cleveland Business, October 17, 2021](#)

[How Mental Illness Law is Changing Ohio Death Row; Associated Press, October 18, 2021](#)

[Ohio Supreme Court Finds that Violent-Offender Registration Duties Can Be Imposed Retroactively; CNO, October 21, 2021](#)

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## Legislative News: Two-Week Review

- [SB 252](#) (Sen. Lang) **Asbestos Litigation**, introduced 10.5.21. The bill requires a plaintiff in an asbestos tort to file a sworn statement detailing the alleged exposure(s) and requires the court to dismiss a claim when the plaintiff fails to comply.
- [SB 254](#) (Sens. Fedor, Maharath) **Foster Youth Bill of Rights**, introduced 10.19.21. The bill enumerates 31 rights of every child in foster care.
- [HB 441](#) (Reps. Cutrona, Wiggim) **Social Media De-Platforming**, introduced 10.6.21. The bill allows a person to file a civil action against a social media platform or interactive computer service alleging unlawful censorship.
- [HB 459](#) (Reps. Cutrona, LaRe) **Sex Offenders**, introduced 10.19.21. The bill would prohibit offenders of child-oriented offenses or of sex offenses where the victim was younger than 18 from being employers, employees, or independent contractors, or volunteers in any capacity affording extensive contact with minor children. The bill provides that law enforcement must alert a prosecuting authority to known violations of the prohibition and the prosecuting authority can seek injunctive relief.
- The Ohio Public Defender published a [memo](#) updating the status of **indigent defense reimbursement**. The OPD's best estimate is the reimbursement rate for FY23 will be at or above 95%. Questions should be directed to Laura Austen, Deputy Director of Policy & Outreach via email at [outreach@opd.ohio.gov](mailto:outreach@opd.ohio.gov) or by calling 614.466.5394; please also use this contact if county officials have planned expenditures for FY22/FY23 that they wish to apprise the OPD of, such as increasing appointed counsel rates, increasing public defender salaries, and funding necessary public defender facility expenses.
- 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](#), and the iCourt Task Force [recommended changes to the Rules of Superintendence](#). Public Comment is open till 11.4.21.
- 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.
- 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.

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



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