

## Legislative News: Two-Week Review



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### In Case You Missed It:

[National Center for State Courts Looking for Nominees for the William H. Rehnquist Award for Judicial Excellence](#)

[Ohio Legal Help 2021 Impact Report](#)

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.

- **HJR 2** (Rep. LaRe) **Conditions of Bail**, passed by the House, 5.25.22 and adopted by the Senate, 6.1.22. The resolution puts to a vote of the citizenry a proposed amendment to the Ohio Constitution Sec. 9 of Article I to eliminate the requirement that bail be established pursuant to Sec. 5(b) of Article IV and instead allow the courts to consider factors such as public safety, including the seriousness of the offense, and a person's criminal record, the likelihood a person will return to court, and any other factor the legislature may deem relevant.
- **SJR 16** (Sen. Gavarone) **Disapproval of Supreme Court Rule Change Proposals**, introduced, passed by the Senate, and adopted by the House, 6.1.22. The resolution disapproves essentially all iCOURT recommended rule changes, specifically all Court-approved changes to the following rules: Civ.R. 1, 1.1, 30, 39, and 43; Crim.R. 1, 2, 10, 40, and 43; Evid.R. 101; and Juv.R. 1, 2, 20, 25, 27, 29, 34, and 41. As such, those rules as proposed for revision will not go into effect on 7.1.22.
- **SB 202** (Sens. Antonio, Hackett) **Prohibit Use of Disability to Deny Guardianship**, passed by the Senate, 5.25.22. The bill prohibits a person's disability from being used to deny or limit custody, parenting time, visitation, adoption, or service as a guardian or foster caregiver.
- **HB 518** (Rep. Hoops) **Fulton County Municipal Court & Other Court Changes**, passed out of the Senate and concurred on by the House, 6.1.22. As introduced, the bill creates the Fulton County Municipal Court in Wauseon on 1.1.24. The bill was amended to include a slew of changes to other courts: 1. Remove the requirement that the Hamilton Municipal Court operate in locations outside the limits of Cincinnati; 2. Expand the jurisdiction of the Toledo Municipal Court Housing Division to include review or appeal relating to a building, housing, air pollution, sanitation, health, fire, zoning, or safety code or regulation (HB 559); 3. Add a 2<sup>nd</sup> full-time judge to the Fairborn Municipal Court, to be elected initially in 2023 (SB 328, HB 635); 4. Abolish the East Liverpool Municipal Court (HB 648); and 5. Expand the jurisdiction of the Portage County Domestic Relations Court to include most family law cases (HB 648).
- **HB 689** (Rep. Seitz) **Child Sexual Abuse Registry**, introduced 5.26.22. The bill imposes a civil, rather than a criminal, penalty on a person who fails to register with the childhood sexual abuse civil registry, and eliminates the residence restriction related to the registry. The bill also extends the limitation period for prosecuting a violation of the law requiring certain persons to report child abuse or neglect in some cases.
- The Ohio Public Defender released a [memo](#) on its work to move **indigent defense reimbursement** from a paper process to an electronic/online program, as well as a related update regarding county fee schedules. Additional updates are expected later this summer and this fall. If you have any questions, please contact 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.
- Ohio Legal Help released its [2021 Impact Report](#). Since the onset of the pandemic, OLH has helped over 1 million families by providing legal information and resources through a mobile-first platform.

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



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