

Legislative News: Two-Week Review



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In Case You Missed It:

[Recovery Ohio Announces Creation of Naloxone Website, August 29, 2022](#)

[September is Suicide Prevention Month](#)

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.

- The OJC's Jury Instructions Committee has completed **14 new jury instructions**, some necessitated by recent statutory changes. The new instructions are available on the [OJC website](#) and include: use of non-deadly force in self-defense, the defense of another, or the defense of a residence; carrying concealed weapons; retaliation; making false claims; criminal mischief; criminal trespass and aggravated trespass; and trafficking in persons.
- The Supreme Court of Ohio is accepting public comments until 9.29.22 on the Probate Judges Association's proposed 2022 [Standard Probate Form amendments](#).
- [HB 427](#) (Reps. Manchester, White) **Prohibiting Addiction to Compel Prostitution**, will go into effect 9.13.22. The bill prohibits the use of a controlled substance or manipulation of controlled substance addiction as a method of human trafficking or to compel prostitution. See [Enactment News](#).
- Effective on 7.1.22, courts must adopt, by local rule, a **technology plan**. A "Technology Plan Guidance for Local Courts" is available [online](#). The guide was developed by the Supreme Court of Ohio in collaboration with the OJC Court Technology Committee.
- The **Task Force on Conviction Integrity and Postconviction Review** has released its [report and recommendations](#). The recommended modifications to statutes and court rules include ending cash bail and prohibiting "dark pleas" (when a defendant is released in exchange for dropping the motion for a new trial before a hearing is held or ruling is made). Another recommendation is the creation of an Innocence Inquiry Commission.
- **Did you know?** The [Supreme Court of Ohio Law Library](#) can assist you and your staff with **legal research needs** like obtaining all the versions of a statute or locating a statute as it read at a specific time. Email your research questions to libref@sc.ohio.gov.
- **Did you know?** Effective 1.1.24, judges and magistrates may earn up to half of their biennial 40 hours of CLE remotely.
- **Save the Date:** The National Center for State Courts is hosting a 2-day workshop titled, "Fair and Effective Practices in **Jury System Management**" in Pittsburgh, PA, 9.28.22-9.30.22. Register [here](#).
- Just **5 voting sessions remain** in the 134th General Assembly per chamber after leaders cancel September dates. Lawmakers won't be returning until the lame duck session after November's election. The General Assembly will next convene Wednesday, 11.16.22, when both chambers have sessions scheduled. The chambers are then scheduled to take a week's break for Thanksgiving before returning on 11.30.22 (House and Senate), 12.1.22 (House), 12.7.22 (Senate), 12.14.22 (House and Senate), and 12.21.22 (House and Senate).
- More than 60 criminal appeals of F1 and F2 convictions challenging sentences under the **Reagan Tokes Act** are awaiting oral argument at the Ohio Supreme Court. Enacting legislation [SB 201](#) took effect in 2019. It requires a minimum and maximum term for violent crimes including rape, kidnapping, aggravated robbery, and others.

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



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