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**Legislation and Policy
in the News:**

[COVID Cases Climb in Ohio's Prisons; Cincinnati Enquirer, August 7, 2020](#)

[Ohio Public Health Orders](#)

The Ohio Judicial Conference is dedicated to serving all Ohio judges. It is the primary resource to ensure the fair, unbiased, open, and effective administration of justice.

Legislative News: Two-Week Review

- The Ohio House elected Rep. [Bob Cupp](#) the next speaker of the Ohio House, 7.30.20. He is a former justice on the Ohio Supreme Court and was previously a member of the Ohio Senate.
- As of 7.30.20, the tolling specified in [HB 197](#) expired; deadlines will be back in effect absent any further action by the Court and/or the Ohio General Assembly.
- On 7.31.20, the Ohio Supreme Court issued an [order](#) allowing courts, hearing panels, boards and/or commissions to waive any requirement in a Rule for in-person service or appearance. Appearance, service or oral argument by use of technology is allowed if it sufficiently guarantees the integrity of the proceedings and protects the parties' interests and rights.
- The Ohio Judicial Conference has just 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.
- [SB 337](#) (Sen. Williams) **Police-Caused Deaths**, referred to Senate Judiciary 7.21.20. The bill creates a procedure for investigating the death of an unarmed person, whether in detention or not, caused by a peace officer. The bill requires the Ohio Attorney General to investigate all such deaths and provide a report to the Governor if the Attorney General declines to refer evidence to a grand jury regarding a death or a grand jury declines to return an indictment. The report must include an explanation of the outcome and any recommendations for systemic reform.
- [SB 338](#) (Sen. Williams) **Biased Policing**, referred to Senate Judiciary 7.21.20. The bill prohibits police officers from engaging in biased policing and requires the Ohio Attorney General to establish rules and training regarding such practices.
- [HB 734](#) (Reps. Rogers, Hicks-Hudson) **Tax Foreclosure Proceedings**, introduced 7.27.20. The bill modifies some delinquent property tax foreclosure proceedings.
- [HB 744](#) (Reps. Brent, Leland) **Eviction Crisis Response**, introduced 8.4.20. The bill establishes the COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program and appropriates more than \$2.5 million for its implementation.
- The Conference of Chief Justices (CCJ) and Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA) endorsed a [resolution](#) "In Support of Racial Equality and Justice for All," 7.30.20.
- The Bureau of Justice Statistics released its 27th [report](#) in a series on Probation and Parole in the United States. It provides national data on the adult population on probation or parole in 2017 and 2018. It describes trends in the overall community-supervision population and changes in probation and parole populations.
- Please note: the **OJC's Annual Meeting**, initially planned to be an in-person and virtual event will now be a virtual-only event. Registration information is available [here](#), or call 614.387.9750.

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



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