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Legislative News: Two-Week Review

- [SB 327](#) (Rep. Cutrona) **Prohibit Disclosure of Elected Official Information**, introduced 11.18.25. The bill provides that the addresses of judges, prosecutors, and other elected officials are not subject to public-records disclosure, with limited exceptions and separate processes for journalists and board of elections records.
- [HB 88](#) (Reps. Abrams, Plummer) **Increased Fentanyl Penalties**, passed House 11.19.25. The bill increases the penalties and changes quantities required for trafficking cocaine, fentanyl-related compounds, heroin, and methamphetamine. It removes *mens rea* for possession of a fentanyl-related compound when the other drug involved is marijuana or a Schedule III, IV, or V drug.
- [HB 102](#) (Reps. Klopfenstein, Williams) **Sex Offender Residency Limits**, passed by the House 11.19.25. The bill prohibits a sex offender or a child-victim offender from residing within 2,000 feet of the residence of the victim and from loitering within 1,000 feet of the residence of the victim.
- [HB 105](#) (Reps. Craig, Thomas) **Non-Recourse Litigation**, passed House 11.19.25. The bill replaces current law governing non-recourse civil litigation advance contracts with two subsets of regulations: one for commercial litigation financing agreements and another for consumer legal funding agreements.
- [HB 247](#) (Reps. Lawson-Rowe, Miller K.) **Dangerous Dogs**, passed by the Legislature 11.19.25. The bill imposes criminal penalties on a dog owner if the dog owner negligently fails to keep their dog from committing, without provocation, a "nuisance dog act," "dangerous dog act," or "vicious dog act." The bill authorizes a court, as part of the criminal proceeding, to order the dog to be humanely destroyed at the dog owner's expense. If the dog seriously injures or kills a person, the bill *requires* the court to order the dog to be humanely destroyed.
- [HB 338](#) (Reps. Johnson M., Plummer) **Increased Assault Penalties**, passed by the House 11.19.25. The bill expands the list of persons mentioned in the statute on correctional institution assaults to include visitors, volunteers, employees of ODRC and DYS, and contractors for ODRC and DYS on the grounds of a state or local correctional facility. The bill includes a specification and increased penalties (ranging from F3 for assault to life without the possibility of parole for agg murder). The bill contains unclear language about how the bill impacts juvenile offenders and DYS.
- [HB 492](#) (Reps. Abrams, Ray) **Interfering with Arrest**, passed by the House 11.19.25. The bill expands the prohibition against interfering with arrest to all motor vehicle-related laws and requires drivers to disclose their name, address, and date of birth to a police officer on request.
- [HB 519](#) (Rep. White) **Possession of Criminal Tools**, passed by the House 11.19.25. The bill provides that possession or control of an electronic device or tool under circumstances indicating an intent to steal a motor vehicle is prima-facie evidence of a "criminal purpose" for the crime of Possession of Criminal Tools (RC 2923.24).
- [Proposed changes to Sup.R.9](#) (court security) published for public comment; public comment period ends 12.22.25.

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



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