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In Case You Missed It:

[The Supreme Court's 11th Annual Veterans Summit will take place on November 20, 2025](#)

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Legislative News: Two-Week Review

- [SB 55](#) (Sen. Manning) **Marijuana OVI**, passed out of Senate 10.8.25. The bill makes a concentration of between 2 and 5 nanograms of delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol in whole blood a per se impairment for purposes of OVI. The bill also makes corresponding changes to the statute regulating evidence of impairment provided at trial.
- [SB 291](#) (Sens. Manning, Reynolds) **Community Control Sanctions**, introduced 10.14.25. The bill limits community control sanctions to a term of 3 years for F3s, F4s, and F5s. Under certain circumstances, the term for F3s, F4s, and F5s can be increased by a year (not to exceed 5 years).
- [SB 292](#) (Sen. Blessing) **Caps on Damages**, introduced 10.14.25. The bill increases the dollar-amount caps on noneconomic damages and punitive or exemplary damages in civil actions and provides a procedure for the Department of Taxation to make annual adjustments of those caps based on the consumer price index. See [HB 447](#).
- [HB 501](#) (Reps. Rogers, Williams) **Wrongful Incarceration**, introduced 10.7.25. The bill expands the wrongful imprisonment action by including incarceration in local facilities.
- [HB 507](#) (Reps. John, Newman) **Prostitution**, introduced 10.8.25. The bill creates the offense of Receiving Proceeds of Prostitution, RC 2907.251. The offense is an F3; it is an F2 if the source of the proceeds is younger than 18.
- [HB 509](#) (Rep. Teska) **Partial Expungement**, introduced 10.14.25. The bill excludes certain financial records from being expunged along with the rest of a criminal record ordered expunged.
- [HB 519](#) (Rep. White) **Criminal Tools**, introduced 10.14.25. The bill expands the crime of Possession Criminal Tools (RC 2923.24) to include the possession or control of an electronic device or tool under circumstances indicating an intent to steal a motor vehicle (it is an M1).
- [HB 527](#) (Rep. Williams) **Grand Juries**, introduced 10.15.25. The bill allows felony defendants to request an alternative system of indictment by open (as opposed to secret) grand jury.
- [HB 528](#) (Rep. Williams) **Mandatory Sentence**, introduced 10.15.25. The bill requires a 7 year mandatory minimum prison term for forcible rape.
- A provision in the [HB 96](#), effective 9.30.25, **requires a defendant to be committed to ODRC custody if PRC is to be imposed**. A defendant must be transported to DRC, even if jail credit results in an immediate release. *The only exception is if your county has an existing agreement with ODRC to electronically commit inmates, which requires an MOU between the county and ODRC.* If a defendant is released from the county without being committed (physically or electronically) to ODRC, that defendant will *not* be placed on PRC supervision by the APA. ([R.C. 2967.28](#), [5120.16](#))
- [Proposed changes](#) to the **Rules of Appellate Procedure, Rules of Civil Procedure, Rules of Criminal Procedure, and Rules of Juvenile Procedure** have been published for public comment. Generally, [Rules of Superintendence](#) are being restructured into the Rules of Practice and Procedure. Comments due to RuleAmendments@sc.ohio.gov by 10.24.25.

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



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