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In Case You Missed It:

[May is Mental Health Awareness Month](#)

[Correctional Institution Inspection Committee Unveils New Website](#)

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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.

Legislative News: Two-Week Review

- The Supreme Court has submitted its annual package of **Rules amendments to the legislature**, 5.1.24. In the proposed Rules is a new change to JuvR 9 Intake:
(B) Screening; referral Notification
Information that a child is within the court's jurisdiction may be informally screened prior to the filing of a complaint to determine whether the filing of a complaint is in the best interest of the child and the public. If formal court action is avoided pursuant to division (A) of this rule, the court shall notify the prosecuting attorney and the victim of the offense in accordance with Chapter 2930 of the Revised Code.
- **HB 511** (Reps. Humphrey, Isaacsohn) **Residential Landlords, Tenants**, introduced 4.30.24. The bill amends the law regarding residential landlords and tenants. The bill requires that all landlord-tenant contracts be in writing and expands on the items that must be made clear in the contract, including a statement that tenants may qualify for free legal representation in the event of a dispute with the landlord. Prior to entering a contract, the bill requires the landlord provide the prospective tenant with a written plain language briefing containing all information pertinent to the agreement, and again 30 days after the tenant takes possession.
- **HB 513** (Rep. Carruthers) **Criminal Provisions on HIV, AIDS**, introduced 4.30.24. The bill removes HIV-criminalizing language from RC 2903.11 (Felony Assault), 2907.24 (Soliciting), 2907.241 (Loitering to Solicit), and 2907.27 (Prostitution). It creates a new offense at RC 2927.31 – Intentional Transmission of HIV (an M1), which requires both purposeful intent and actual transmission.
- **HB 514** (Reps. Sims, Thomas) **BMV - Jury Source List**, introduced 5.1.24. The bill requires names submitted by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles to be included on the annual jury source list.
- The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has proposed to **reclassify marijuana** from a Schedule I drug to a Schedule III drug under the Controlled Substances Act, according to the U.S. Department of Justice. This rescheduling would not affect the criminalization of medical cannabis patients and cannabis consumers under state laws.
- The Ohio Attorney General announced \$2.45 million in funding available to courts to help improve the completeness of the **state's criminal records database**. Funding has been allocated in 3 parts: [\\$1.2 million for LiveScan devices](#) (digital fingerprint capturing machines); [\\$750,000 for juvenile courts or clerks of courts to electronically report adjudication information](#); and \$500,000 for common pleas, municipal, or county courts and clerks of courts to defray the [cost of recovering case dispositions not previously reported to BCI](#). The deadline to apply for the grants is 5.15.24.
- Save the Date: On 8.12.24 and 8.13.24, Bowling Green State University, the Ohio Attorney General's Office, and the Center for the Future of Forensic are hosting the 3rd annual **"Understanding and Using Forensic Science and Expert Testimony in the Courtroom"** continuing legal education (approved for 14.5 hours). [Register](#) by 7.28.24.



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