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***In Case You Missed It:***

[\*The National Center for State Courts Published a Guide to Better Remote Dependency Hearings\*](#)

[\*The Ohio Supreme Court Published its 2024 Annual Report\*](#)

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## Legislative News: Two-Week Review

- [HB 305](#) (Reps. Deeter, Williams) **Pressed Pill Fentanyl**, introduced 5.27.25. The bill creates a separate offense of trafficking in pressed pill fentanyl, which is an F3 (if committed within the vicinity of a school, juvenile, or substance addiction services provider, it is an F2; if the amount trafficked exceeds 50 doses, it is an F2; if the amount trafficked exceeds 100 doses, it is an F1). The bill creates a specification with a mandatory minimum 5-year prison term for an overdose death if fentanyl is present.
- [HB 306](#) (Reps. Jarrells, Williams) **Hate Crimes**, introduced 5.27.25. The bill prohibits violence or intimidation by threat of violence because of political affiliation, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, familial status, military status, disability, or position in a labor dispute by creating a civil cause of action. The bill also prohibits any requirements that a person waive the protections provided in the bill.
- [HB 314](#) (Reps. Isaacsohn, Ray) **Public Records**, introduced 6.3.25. The bill allows a public office to bring a civil action against a person it believes has submitted multiple requests for public records for the purpose of harassing or disrupting the services of the office.
- [HB 320](#) (Reps. Lear, Click) **Political Party Registration**, introduced 6.3.25. The bill requires an elector to register as a member of a political party before voting in that party's primary election.
- [HB 323](#) (Rep. Lorenz) **Employer Sexual Assault Reporting**, introduced 6.3.25. The bill requires employers to report suspected sexual assault against employees who are minors.
- The federal [TAKE IT DOWN Act](#) was passed by Congress and is headed to the President's desk for signature. The Act criminalizes the act of uploading **image-based sexual abuse** (IBSA) and mandates that platforms remove this material within 48 hours. Image-based sexual abuse (IBSA) is a broad term that includes a wide range of harmful experiences involving the weaponization of sexually explicit or sexualized images or videos.
- In May 2025, Governor DeWine's **Missing Persons Work Group** released its [report](#), with recommendations for legislation that increases the criminal penalty for interfering with custody by removing a child out of the state or country; legislation that mandates that arrest warrants for interference with custody be entered into LEADS and NCIC with a nationwide pickup radius; and expansion of funding for the Ohio Extradition Reimbursement Program to pay for costs associated with returning to Ohio people suspected of interfering with custody.
- **Ohio Legal Help** has new forms for [Child Support Modification](#), [Divorce with Kids](#), and [Divorce Without Kids](#).
- Please note: ODRC has changed its address for US mail and overnight packages. Please use: Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, Operation Support Center, 1800 Harmon Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43223

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