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In Case You Missed It:

The Board of Professional Conduct Issued an [Ethics Guide on AI for Lawyers and Judicial Officers](#)

[Governor DeWine, DYS Break Ground on New, Downsized Juvenile Corrections Facilities](#)

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

Legislative News: Two-Week Review

- [HB 846](#) (Reps. Plummer, Thomas) **Domestic Violence Offender Registry**, introduced 5.6.26. If a court determines that someone who is convicted of or pleads guilty to a violation of RC 2919.25 (Domestic Violence) is a repeat domestic violence offender, the court shall order the offender to register with BCI within 7 days. BCI is to keep a registry which it is to make public on its website. BCI is to periodically remove names from the registry; timing of removal is based on both the number of repeat offenses and the amount of time lapsed since the last offense.
- [HB 855](#) (Reps. Grim, Miller, M.) **Termination of Rental Contracts**, introduced 5.12.26. The bill allows a tenant who is an alleged victim of rape, attempted rape, domestic violence, dating violence, abuse, or a sexually oriented offense to terminate a rental agreement or request the installation of replacement locks on the premises covered by the rental agreement or both, under certain circumstances.
- [HB 859](#) (Reps. Mohamed, Synenberg) **Civil Immigration-Related Arrests**, introduced 5.12.26. The bill provides that a person is privileged from arrest on a civil or administrative warrant based on that person's citizenship or immigration status if that person is, among other places, "on the premises or grounds of a courthouse or other building or structure in which a courtroom is located."
- [HB 879](#) (Rep. Glassburn) **Vandalism**, introduced 5.12.26. The bill adds to the prohibited actions under RC 2909.95 (Vandalism) purposely removing any item or adornment from any tomb, monument, gravestone, or other similar structure that is used as a memorial for the dead.
- [HB 895](#) (Rep. Brewer) **Custody Mediation**, introduced 5.12.26. The bill would require mediation in divorce, dissolution, separation, annulment, or custody dispute cases if the parents cannot agree upon the appropriate allocation of parental rights and responsibilities. The court may waive the requirement if it determines mediation is not appropriate.
- [HB 896](#) (Rep. Brewer) **Parents' Rights in Child Welfare Cases**, introduced 5.12.26. Among other things, the bill ensures notification to parents of certain information if a child is taken into custody; allows a parent or guardian to choose a support person to attend meetings regarding a child's welfare; and requires the Department of Children and Youth to develop and distribute a parents' bill of rights.
- [HB 898](#) (Rep. Brewer) **Putative Fathers**, introduced 5.12.26. The bill requires notice to putative fathers regarding child welfare hearings and companionship or visitation proceedings. It also requires notice to grandparents regarding child welfare hearings.
- [HB 902](#) (Reps. Jarrells, McClain) **Sibling Youth in Foster Care**, introduced 5.12.26. The bill enumerates 14 rights of sibling youth in foster care, and 1 right of adult siblings of youth in foster care.
- **Don't forget!** The new **Superintendence Rule 5(F)** goes into effect 7.1.26. The Supreme Court has developed [templates for sample rules and plans](#).

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



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