

## Legislative News: Two-Week Review



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### In Case You Missed It:

NCSC has updated [CourTools Measure 8](#), a jury yield and utilization metric

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](#).

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.

- [SB 225](#) (Sen. Manchester) **Address Confidentiality**, passed by the Senate, 5.20.26. The bill contains a fix to the process allowing judges to make their home addresses private.
- [SB 393](#) (Sens. Manning, Timken) **Juveniles and Sex Offenses**, passed by the Seante, 5.20.26. The bill creates several sexting offenses, applicable only when the offender is younger than 18.
- [HB 478](#) (Reps. Synenberg, Thomas) **Jury Tampering**, passed by the House, 5.20.26. The bill creates the offense of Jury Tampering, an M1 unless violence is threatened or employed (then an F3).
- [HB 565](#) (Reps. Jarrells, Odioso) **Grand Juror Privacy**, passed by the House, 5.20.26. The bill exempts names and addresses of grand jurors from disclosure under Public Records Law.
- [HB 689](#) (Rep. White) **Fingerprinting and BCI Reporting**, passed by the House, 5.20.26. The bill modernizes fingerprinting and disposition reporting.
- [HB 923](#) (Rep. Williams) **Adult Parole Authority**, introduced 5.19.26. Under the bill, if an offender is on PRC, the APA may file for a post-conviction no contact order on behalf of a victim (with or without the victim's consent) in common pleas court. A hearing is required under the bill to determine whether to issue the order (multiple hearings are required if the initial hearing is *ex parte*).
- [HB 926](#) (Rep. Williams) **Habitual Felons**, introduced 5.19.26. The bill creates a specification for habitual felony offenders. A "habitual felony offender" is a person who is being convicted of an F1 or F2 and has previously been convicted of 2 or more F1s or F2s on separate occasions. The specification carries a mandatory term of life imprisonment.
- [HB 927](#) (Rep. Williams) **Importuning, Obstructing Justice**, introduced 5.19.26. The bill expands the offense of Importuning (RC 2907.07). The bill adds to the offense of Obstructing Justice (RC 2921.32) the failure to immediately report to law enforcement knowledge that an individual 18 years or older is importuning.
- [HB 928](#) (Rep. Williams) **Abortion**, introduced 5.19.26. The bill prohibits receiving any recompense for human tissue or other product of human conception resulting from an abortion (F3). It also prohibits experimenting on, selling, transferring, distributing, advertising, offering, facilitating, or arranging a transaction involving the product of human conception resulting from an abortion (F3).
- [HB 933](#) (Rep. Williams) **Peremptory Challenges**, introduced 5.19.26. The bill creates a process for objecting to a peremptory challenge to a juror on the basis that the challenge is based on the prospective juror's race, color, religion, sex, military status, national origin, disability, age, or ancestry.
- [HB 935](#) (Rep. Williams) **Court Determination of Mental Illness**, introduced 5.19.26. The bill authorizes a criminal court to determine whether a defendant is a mentally ill person subject to a court order or a person with an intellectual disability subject to institutionalization if the criminal court is determining whether the defendant is competent to stand trial.

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