

## Legislative News: Two-Week Review



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### In Case You Missed It:

[October is National Dating and Domestic Violence Awareness Month](#)

[Legal Resources for Servicemembers and Veterans: Veterans Legal Help Call Center Vets Civil Legal Services Servicemember Civil Relief Act](#)

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.

- **HB 35** (Reps. Miranda, Seitz) **Statutes of Limitations and SORN**, signed by Governor 10.13.23. The bill has two main parts – one that eliminates the statutes of limitations in civil childhood sexual abuse cases and one that corrects SORN reclassification that occurred as a result of Ohio sentencing sex offenders first under Megan’s Law and then under the Adam Walsh Act. The bill was amended to include an emergency clause, which means it goes into effect immediately. An enactment summary is available on our [website](#).
- **SB 176** (Rep Romanchuk, Sykes) **Child Support**, introduced on 10.17.23. The bill authorizes initial child support orders in domestic relations actions for children over 18 with a disability.
- **HB 305** (Reps. Brown, Stewart) **E-Filing**, introduced 10.18.23. The bill requires the ability to electronically file pleadings or documents in courts of common pleas (except probate or juvenile courts), in municipal courts, and in county courts. The bill permits the clerk to disburse computerization fee funds without the court’s authorization and increases the maximum amount of clerks’ computerization fees from \$10 to \$20.
- Indigent defendants are entitled to effective and meaningful legal services and an attorney must meet **established qualifications** for the county that appoints that attorney to be reimbursed. An attorney who does not meet the training and experience requirements of OAC 120-1-10 [may request an exemption](#) for exceptional circumstances and, if approved, may proceed as being qualified. Importantly, the form needs to be submitted to OPD at least 2 weeks before a Commission meeting; the next meeting is 12.8.23.
- In *State v. Gwynne* ([Slip Opinion No. 2023-Ohio-3851](#)), reconsidered and decided on 10.25.23, the Court ruled consecutive sentences totaling 65 years in prison were properly decided for a nursing home aide who stole from residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities.
- Announced 10.17.23, \$1.8 million in grant funding from the Ohio Department of Public Safety, the Ohio Domestic Violence Network will expand the number of **domestic violence programs** in Ohio that can provide comprehensive services to [human trafficking survivors](#).
- The Secretary of State certified language for a [Redistricting Amendment](#) to the Ohio Constitution, expected for the 2024 ballot. The amendment creates a citizen-run commission.
- The Council for State Governments is hosting a webinar on using data to identify and coordinate care for community members who have **frequent contact with criminal legal systems**, crisis and health care services, and housing systems on 11.8.23, at 2:00. [Register](#) for *Building State and Local Partnerships to Support Familiar Faces*.
- The 9th Annual Lean Forward **Veterans Summit** will be held on 11.16.23 at Villa Milano in Columbus. [Register](#) for the summit, themed "Intercept 0/1: Reaching Veterans Before They Enter the Criminal Justice System." CEUs and CLEs pending.

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



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