

Legislative News: Two-Week Review



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In Case You Missed It:

[The Justice Department's BJA and the National Institute of Corrections launch the Jails and Justice Support Center \(JJSC\)](#)

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.

- [SB 187](#) (Sens. Craig, Sykes) **Domestic Violence Offenses and Weapons**, introduced 11.15.23. The bill prohibits a person who is charged with or has been convicted of an M1 domestic violence offense from possessing a firearm or dangerous ordnance. A violation would be an offense of having a weapon while under disability, an F3. Under current law, a person who is under indictment for or has been convicted of any *felony* offense of violence is prohibited from owning a firearm or dangerous ordnance.
- [HB 326](#) (Rep. Abrams) **Marijuana Tax Revenue**, introduced 11.14.23. The bill expresses the intent of the legislature that a portion of the revenue from the tax of marijuana sales be used to fund police officer training. The legislature has promised other changes to the statute recently enacted with the passage of Issue 2; legislation is expected in December.
- [HB 332](#) (Reps. Galonski, Miranda) **Federal Same Sex Marriage Law**, introduced 11.16.23. The bill aligns Ohio with federal law regarding same-sex marriage and provides the right to interracial marriage.
- [HB 333](#) (Reps. Miller, Sweeney) **Arrest Quotas**, introduced 11.16.23. The bill prohibits law enforcement agencies from utilizing quotas for arrests and citations. The bill provides that the Attorney General will accept, anonymously, any reports of a violation of this prohibition, and authorizes the Attorney General to investigate such reports.
- The Ohio Supreme Court has ordered litigants in a case about the state's 6-week abortion ban to submit briefs addressing how the passage of Issue 1 impacts the case. The justices heard oral arguments in [Preterm-Cleveland et al. v. David Yost, et al.](#) in September about whether orders enjoining state laws can be immediately appealed and whether clinics and doctors have standing to challenge the 6-week ban. The law's constitutionality was not argued then but is now questioned with the passage of Issue 1.
- The Office of the Ohio Public Defender will begin offering a voluntary monthly virtual meeting, the **Reimbursement FAQ and Update Hour**, for anyone across the state who works with indigent defense reimbursement. Learn [more](#).
- Effective 12.31.23, Tim Young will be stepping down as the State Public Defender. The Ohio Public Defender Commission appointed Elizabeth Miller as the **next State Public Defender**.

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



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