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Legislation and Policy in the News:

[Republicans: Bill Would 'Weed Out Bad Actors' in Ohio Police; Associated Press, June 12, 2020](#)

[Gov. Mike DeWine Calls for Sweeping Police Reforms; cleveland.com, June 18, 2020](#)

[Ohio Public Health Orders](#)

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

Legislative News: Two-Week Review

- The OJC Jury Service Committee has created a [document to aid in convening a grand jury or conducting a jury trial during a pandemic](#). This is a work in progress and feedback is appreciated. It is available on the OJC website, along with other similar resources. A recording of the recent webinar, as well as materials from the webinar, are available on the OJC website.
- The results of **speed radar tests** are admissible in court without corresponding expert testimony, the Ohio Supreme Court ruled in [Brookpark v Rodojev](#), 6.10.20. The factfinder must still determine whether the evidence presented concerning accuracy of the speed-measuring device and the qualifications of the person who used it is sufficient to support a conviction.
- **SB 3** (Sens. Eklund, O'Brien) **Drug Reform**, marked for a vote, 6.24.20. The bill would make all drug possession and some drug trafficking offenses misdemeanors (currently felonies). It also alters volumes for levels of offense. The bill would make all drug offense cases originate in municipal court but moveable to common pleas court. The bill is expected to be amended and will likely be voted out of committee and off the floor in the coming week.
- **SB 331** (Sen. Roegner) **Sunset Review**, introduced 6.24.20. The bill implements the recommendations of the Sunset Review Committee by terminating or renewing various agencies. The bill renews the Ohio Judicial Conference through 2024.
- **HB 698** (Reps. Crossman, Holmes) **Drug Penalty Reforms**, introduced 6.10.20. The bill establishes addiction treatment facilities, increases penalties for drug trafficking violations, modifies penalties for drug possession, requires an offender convicted of a drug possession or drug trafficking offense involving certain drugs to be subject to 10 years of PRC, allows a defendant who has a severe substance use disorder involving certain drugs to be confined by a state detoxification provider while awaiting trial, and to create restitution work programs.
- **HB 700** (Reps. Crossman, Holmes) **Addiction Treatment Availability**, introduced 6.10.20. The bill requires OMHAS to monitor any entities that utilize suboxone, including courts, parole and probation officers.
- Effective 7.1.20, are a [variety of amendments](#) to **Rules of Practice and Procedure**, including changes to CivR 4, 16, 26, and 53; CrimR 46; AppR 3, 19, and 21; JuvR 4 and 42; Evidence Rules 601 and 902; the uniform traffic ticket; and a new standard civil indigency filing fee form.
- Nominations for the **2020 John and Ginny Elam Pro Bono Award**, which recognizes a lawyer's exceptional pro bono legal work, are being accepted until 8.14.20. The award recipient will be able to designate a non-profit to receive a grant. Nominations can be sent to Award Selection Committee Chair, Honorable Jeffrey E. Froelich, Second District Court of Appeals of Ohio, 41 N. Perry Street, P.O. Box 972, Dayton, OH 45422 or froelichj@mcoho.org. Nominations should include a description of the qualifications of the nominee, as well as contact information for the nominee and nominator.

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