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In Case You Missed It:

[Ohio Will Allow Changes to Gender on Birth Certificates; Associated Press, April 28, 2021](#)

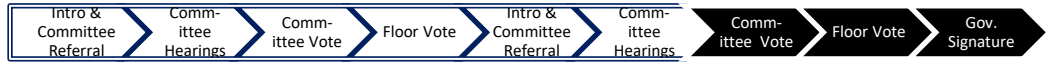
The CCAO is presenting a [webinar on Stepping Up: Resources to Improve Lives on May 12, 2021](#)

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Legislative News: Two-Week Review

- [HB 110](#) (Rep. Oelslager) **Operating Budget**, voted out of the House, 4.21.21. The bill currently contains provisions concerning automatic sealing of records associated with a Governor's unconditional pardon, IDAT fund use for specialized dockets, and **mandatory statewide T-CAP**.



- [HB 167](#) (Rep. Oelslager) **Rent and Utility Assistance**, voted out of the Senate, 4.28.21. The bill appropriates \$465 million in fiscal year 2021 to the Development Services Agency to fund an emergency rental and utility assistance program, per the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act.
- [HB 276](#) (Reps. Powell, Schmidt) **Prohibit Prostitution Proceeds**, introduced 4.27.21. The bill prohibits a person from knowingly receiving or acquiring money or any other thing of value from a sex worker earned from sexual activity for hire. The offense is an F3, unless the sex worker is younger than 18, when the offense is an F2.
- [HB 279](#) (Reps. Brown, Oelslager) **Wrongful Death Claims**, introduced 5.3.21. The bill requires that when there is a surviving spouse, child, or parent, then all other next of kin who have suffered damages because of the wrongful death must file a notice of their claim for damages to the probate court. If they do not, the claim is forever barred.
- [HB 283](#) (Reps. Abrams, Lampton) **Expanding Distracted Driving Laws**, introduced 5.3.21. The bill expands the texting-while-driving prohibition to a broad prohibition against using a device while driving, with certain exceptions. The bill creates points assessed against a license for violation of the prohibition: 2 points for the 1st offense in 2 years; 3 points for the 2nd; and 4 points for the 3rd and any subsequent. The bill also explicitly allows someone to refuse a search of a mobile device and prohibits an officer from confiscating a device while waiting for a search warrant.
- [HB 285](#) (Rep. Seitz) **Actions Challenging Statutes**, introduced 5.4.21. If a party challenges the constitutionality of a state statute or the legality of a state statute vis-à-vis federal law, the bill allows the Speaker of the House or the Senate President (or both jointly) to intervene in the action by serving motion upon the parties. The Attorney General is to seek legislative approval before settling certain actions.
- [HB 286](#) (Rep. Seitz) **Agency Order Appeal**, introduced 5.4.21. The bill changes the venue for certain appeals from agencies' orders to the *local* court of common pleas. Currently, an appeal of an order from the Liquor Control Commission, Casino Control Commission, State Medical Board, State Chiropractic Board, or Board of Nursing must go to the common pleas court in Franklin County.
- The Ohio Jury Management Association has published its [2021 Jury Manual](#). Relatedly, the National Center for State Courts produced [guidance](#) on collecting COVID-19 **vaccination status** from prospective jurors.

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



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