

Legislative News: Two-Week Review



March 15, 2021

In Case You Missed It:

[*Aisha's Law for Domestic Violence Protections Returns to Ohio Legislature; Highland County Press, March 2, 2021*](#)

[*Campaign to "Free Britney" Inspires Jim Jordan, Matt Gaetz to Review Conservatorship; Cincinnati Enquirer, March 10, 2021*](#)

[*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.

- [HB 110](#) (Rep. Oelslager) **Biennial Budget**, introduced 2.17.21. The bill contains provisions impacting the filing of protection orders, notification of the Attorney General about defendants who are NGRI or incompetent to stand trial, decreased community control terms based on felony or misdemeanor level, and increased penalties for some gun crimes. A substitute bill is being prepared.
- [HB 149](#) (Reps. Stewart, Swearingen), **Judicial Ballots**, introduced 2.23.21. The bill requires party designation in the general election for appellate and Supreme Court candidates. It is a companion bill to [SB 80](#).
- [HB 161](#) (Rep. Lampton) **Violent Offender Database**, introduced 3.2.21. The bill requires child abuse offenses to be included in the Violent Offender Database created in 2019 through [SB 231](#).
- [HB 166](#) (Reps. Boggs, Carfagna) **Reagan Tokes II**, introduced 3.2.21. The bill focuses primarily on supervision of someone re-entering the community from prison but it contains some provisions clarifying the earlier Reagan Tokes Act that created indefinite sentences for some offenders.
- [HB 167](#) (Rep. Oelslager) **Rent Assistance**, introduced 3.2.21. The bill contains a \$465 million appropriation in federal funds to be used for rent and utility assistance, as part of a COVID-relief effort. It is a companion to [SB 110](#).
- [HB 182](#) (Reps. Miller, Upchurch) **Housing Discrimination**, introduced 3.4.21. The bill prohibits discrimination in renting housing based on lawful sources of income, such as housing assistance.
- [HB 183](#) (Reps. Miller, Schmidt) **Death Penalty**, introduced 3.4.21. The bill abolishes the death penalty and is a companion bill to [SB 103](#).
- [SB 90](#) (Sens. Antonio, Kunze) **Domestic Violence and Strangulation**, introduced 2.24.21. The bill prohibits knowingly impeding normal breathing or circulation, or in the case of a household or family member, blocking a person's throat, neck, nose, or mouth.
- [Kids Voting Ohio \(KVO\)](#) is a free, nonpartisan, nonprofit voter education program for Ohio public schools. KVO is putting together a "Meet Your Representatives" video library for students. The Meet your Representatives Library aims to include a collection of personal testimonies from all branches and levels of Ohio's government. For more information email matina@kidsvotingohio.org.
- The most recent federal legislation did not extend the **eviction moratorium** beyond [3.31.21](#). A recent [opinion](#) from the Northern District of Ohio strikes down the moratorium. **Federal funding is still available** in aid to tenants. Information about applying is [online](#).
- Several [Rules of Superintendence changes](#) go into effect 4.15.21. The changes impact **protection orders** and involve [new forms](#).
- ODRC intends to amend [Ohio Administrative Rule 5120-2-04](#), which concerns an incarcerated individual's **jail time credit**. The changes are being made to conform to the Regan Tokes law and to recent Ohio Supreme Court decisions.

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



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