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The weeks leading up to summer recess saw a flurry of last-minute activity in the General Assembly, with action on a number of bills of interest to Ohio’s judges. Among these, House Bill 238, a 2009-2010 Ohio Judicial Conference Legislative Platform issue became law. This bill requires financial disclosure in divorces and allows judges to modify property agreements following a final divorce decree. Unfortunately, despite encouraging signals from members of the Senate, the judicial assaults legislation has failed to move.

Notwithstanding a couple busy weeks at the end of the spring term, this General Assembly continues to be marked by its minimal legislative output. Only 47 bills have passed both legislative chambers this term, compared to over one hundred at the same point in the previous General Assembly. With most members of the legislature running for reelection, it is unlikely that they will return until after the November election. On a related note, the outcomes of the legislative and gubernatorial races will significantly affect what happens in lame duck session this fall. However, we do expect to see some legislation addressing OPERS reform and possibly a legislative response to the Supreme Court of Ohio’s recent decision striking down provisions of the Adam Walsh Act.

The Legislative Activities Unit at the Judicial Conference will be keeping busy during the summer legislative break. The Conference is working with the Eighth District Court of Appeals, the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court and the Cleveland Municipal Court to host a Judicial-Legislative Exchange Reciprocal visit. Legislators representing Cuyahoga county have been invited to tour those courts with host judges on June 28th to see up-close the inner-workings of the justice system that serves their constituents.

Enjoy your summer!

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HB192 CORONERS (LETSON, T) To require the court in a civil action to tax as a cost the amount necessary to reimburse the county treasury when the coroner or the coroner's physician-employees or forensic investigators are called to testify about professional services and to provide for the direct payment to physicians in private practice who perform autopsies for a coroner's office and are similarly called to testify.

Current Status: 5/12/2010 - House Judiciary, (Sixth Hearing)

Comments: Staff will track and notify judges if enacted.

HB197 KINSHIP CAREGIVERS (HARRIS, M) To expand the class of persons who may execute a caretaker authorization affidavit or be designated as attorney in fact under a power of attorney for the purpose of exercising authority over the care, custody and control of a child and to enhance Ohio's policies regarding kinship caregivers.

Current Status: 1/27/2010 - House Judiciary, (Second Hearing)

Comments: The Juvenile, Domestic Relations and Probate Law and Procedure Committees reviewed this legislation and determined that it may not be consistent with the "best interests of the child" standard. LETTERS SENT TO REP. HARRIS

HB243 COURT INTIMIDATION (LETSON, T) To specify that the offense of intimidation of an attorney, victim, or witness in a criminal case also applies to delinquency cases and to any attempt to influence, intimidate, or hinder a witness to a criminal or delinquent act in the discharge of the duty of a witness, and to prohibit any attempt to influence, intimidate, or hinder a victim, witness, or attorney through any act of unlawful conduct.

Current Status: 5/12/2010 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED**, House Criminal Justice, (Third Hearing)

Comments: The Criminal Law and Procedure Committee reviewed the bill and determined that the bill's definition of "unlawful conduct" may be vague and overbroad. LETTERS SENT TO REPS. LETSON AND BURKE.

HB251 COMMERCIAL DRIVERS' LICENSES (BOOK, T) To make changes in the law governing commercial drivers' licenses, including hazardous material endorsements, disqualifications, conviction records, and licensure or private commercial driver's license test administrators.

Current Status: 4/27/2010 - **REPORTED OUT AS AMENDED**, House Civil and Commercial Law, (Fourth Hearing)

Comments: The Criminal Law and Procedure Committee reviewed the bill and determined it is a matter of public policy. Staff will track and notify judges if enacted.

HB260 ELECTION LAW (STEWART, D) To revise the Election Law.

Current Status: 2/2/2010 - Senate State and Local Government and Veterans Affairs, (First Hearing)

Comments: Staff will track and notify judges if enacted.

HB303 MAYOR'S COURTS (DYER, S) To authorize the Attorney General to dissolve a mayor's court that is operating in violation of statutory population, training, or registration requirements.

Current Status: 5/19/2010 - House Judiciary, (Third Hearing)

Comments: Staff will track and notify judges if enacted.

HB323 FORECLOSURE ACTIONS (MURRAY, D) To permit the trial of a corporation in absentia in a criminal proceeding initiated by complaint and relative to residential foreclosure actions.

Current Status: 6/3/2010 - **PASSED BY HOUSE**, Passed, as amended; Vote 87-11

Comments: The Civil Law and Procedure Committee reviewed the bill and determined that some of its provisions could impair property rights. LETTER SENT TO REP. MURRAY.

HB335 COURT FEES (COMBS, C) To require that certain fees paid by parties in a municipal court that is not a county operated municipal court and that appoints counsel for indigent defendants in a manner other than that provided in section 120.33 of the Revised Code be transmitted to the treasurer of the municipal corporation and used to pay the compensation of counsel appointed to represent indigent defendants.

Current Status: 5/26/2010 - House Judiciary, (Third Hearing)

Comments: The Court Administration Committee reviewed this legislation and is surveying municipal courts to determine the extent of the impact on city and court budgets.

HB351 UNDER-AGE DRINKING (BOLON, L) To make changes regarding the criminal liability of an owner or occupant of any public or private place who allows a person under age 21 to remain in or on the place while possessing or consuming beer or intoxicating liquor.

Current Status: 5/12/2010 - House Criminal Justice, (Third Hearing)

Comments: Staff will track and notify judges if enacted.

HB361 WRONGFUL DEATH DAMAGES (MURRAY, D) To provide that in actions for damages arising from personal injury or wrongful death evidence that certain charges and fees in a written bill or statement are not reasonable and that the provision of certain specified services are not necessary is admissible to rebut the prima-facie evidence of reasonableness and necessity and that certain evidence is not admissible to rebut the prima-facie evidence of reasonableness in those actions.

Current Status: 2/2/2010 - **REPORTED OUT**, House Civil and Commercial Law, (Fourth Hearing)

Comments: The Civil Law and Procedure Committee reviewed the and determined that it is a matter of public policy. LETTERS SENT TO REP. MURRAY.

HB371 CHILD IN NEED (PILLICH, C) To establish the category of a child in need of protective services and to generally replace the terms "abused child," "neglected child" and "dependent child" as they apply to civil law with the term "child in need of protective services."

Current Status: 2/9/2010 - House Civil and Commercial Law, (Second Hearing)

Comments: The Juvenile Law and Procedure Committee is monitoring this legislation.

HB391 ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY (CHANDLER, K) To establish an address confidentiality program for individuals who reasonably believe that they are in danger of being threatened or physically harmed by another person, to exclude the residential and familial information of a federal law enforcement officer from the definition of a public record, to include federal law enforcement officers among the protected individuals who are authorized to request a public office other than the county auditor to redact the person's address from any record made available to the general public on the internet, and to include those officers among the protected individuals who may request the county auditor to replace the person's name with the person's initials on the general tax list and duplicate.

Current Status: 5/18/2010 - Senate State and Local Government and Veterans Affairs, (First Hearing)

Comments: The Court Administration Committee determined this legislation would be a good vehicle for exempting personal contact information of judges and their families from public records law. LETTERS SENT TO REPS. CHANDLER AND COLEY.

HB395 PROBATE MODERNIZATION (BACON, K) To make changes to the Probate Code and the marriage license law.

Current Status: 5/11/2010 - House Civil and Commercial Law, (Fifth Hearing)

Comments: The Probate Law and Procedure Committee reviewed the bill and determined that it is consistent with the Ohio Judicial Conference Legislative Platform and will improve the administration of justice and public confidence in the courts.

HB411 ADULT ADOPTION (MARTIN, J) To allow an adult to be adopted if the adult is the child of the spouse of the adoption petitioner and the adult consents to the adoption.

Current Status: 5/25/2010 - **REPORTED OUT**, House Civil and Commercial Law, (Third Hearing)

Comments: Staff will track and notify judges if enacted.

HB415 TEXT MESSAGING WHILE DRIVING (DEBOSE, M) To prohibit driving a vehicle while writing, sending, or reading a text-based communication on an electronic wireless communications device.

Current Status: 5/11/2010 - Referred to Committee Senate Highways and Transportation

Comments: Staff will track and notify judges if enacted.

HB427 CLASS ACTION MONETARY AWARDS (SCHNEIDER, M) To declare how monetary awards in class actions that are not paid over to members of the class are to be used.

Current Status: 5/25/2010 - House Civil and Commercial Law, (Fourth Hearing)

Comments: Staff will track and notify judges if enacted.

HB429 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PENALTIES (HARRIS, M) To increase the penalties for domestic violence, to authorize a court to issue a protection order against a person convicted of domestic violence and to prohibit violation of such a protection order, to require a peace officer who has reasonable grounds to believe that a violation of a protection order has been committed to arrest any person who the peace officer has reasonable cause to believe is guilty of the violation, to require an offender who commits domestic violence to meet periodically with the sentencing judge and attend a batterer intervention program, to authorize a board of county commissioners to create a domestic violence fatality review board, and to require the Attorney General to track the issuance and violation of protection orders.

Current Status: 5/26/2010 - House Criminal Justice, (Second Hearing)

Comments: The Criminal Law and Procedure Committee is working with the sponsor to improve the substitute version.

HB431 CONSOLIDATED REFERENCES FOR FEES (OKEY, M) To provide consolidated references to Revised Code sections that establish costs and fees, other than attorney fees, in the courts of record of this state; to give the Supreme Court of Ohio exclusive, original jurisdiction in all challenges to initiative and referendum petitions; to require the circulator of a petition to file certain specified information with the Secretary of State; to increase the number of signatures to one hundred on a nominating petition for election as a judge of the Hamilton County Municipal Court, require that the petition be filed not later than four p.m. of the day before the day of the primary election, and provide that the petition conform to specified requirements provided for those petitions of candidacy; to require the Secretary of State or a board of elections to determine the number of part-petitions received, the total number of signatures appearing on the part-petitions, and provide a receipt to the individual who filed the petition identifying the number of part-petitions received and the total number of signatures appearing on the part-petitions; to apportion the contribution of municipal corporations and townships within the territorial jurisdiction of the Stow Municipal Court toward the operating costs of that court on a per capita basis subject to annual caps; and to impose an additional court cost of twenty-five dollars on a defendant who is convicted or pleads guilty in a mayor's court within the territorial jurisdiction of the Stow Municipal Court.

Current Status: 6/2/2010 - **REPORTED OUT AS AMENDED**, Senate Judiciary - Civil Justice, (Third Hearing)

Comments: The Court Administration Committee determined that the consolidated references provide an index to costs and fees that will improve the administration of justice and increase public confidence in the courts.

HB438 JUDGES - PERSONAL LIABILITY (LETSON, T) To eliminate personal liability for probate and juvenile judges for the default, malfeasance, or nonfeasance of any appointee or employee.

Current Status: 3/24/2010 - **REPORTED OUT**, House Judiciary, (Third Hearing)

Comments: The Probate and Juvenile Law and Procedure Committees reviewed the bill and determined that it is consistent with the Ohio Judicial Conference Legislative Platform and will create uniformity in the law, improve public confidence in the courts and enhance the administration of justice.

HB467 FAMILY LAW DISPUTES (HARWOOD, S) To establish a statutory collaborative family law process to aid in the resolution of family law disputes.

Current Status: 5/26/2010 - House Judiciary, (Second Hearing)

Comments: The Domestic Relations Law and Procedure Committee is currently reviewing this legislation.

HB473 MINOR-STATE OF NUDITY (PILLICH, C) To prohibit a minor, by use of a telecommunications device, from knowingly receiving, exchanging, sending, posting, or possessing a photograph, video or other material that shows a minor in a state of nudity and to define a state of nudity for purposes of this prohibition, to limit the offense of "illegal use of a minor in a nudity-oriented material or performance" to acts committed by persons 18 years of age or older, and to prohibit a minor from committing by means other than a telecommunications device delinquent acts that would be the offense of "illegal use of s minor in a nudity-oriented material or performance" if committed by an adult.

Current Status: 6/1/2010 - Referred to Committee Senate Judiciary - Criminal Justice

Comments: The Juvenile Law and Procedure Committee is currently reviewing this legislation.

HB480 ASSAULT OF HEALTH CARE WORKER (SLESNICK, S) To increase the penalty for assault to a felony of the fourth degree when the victim is a hospital employee or health care worker who is engaged in the performance of the individual's duties at a hospital.

Current Status: 4/13/2010 - Referred to Committee House Criminal Justice

Comments: The Criminal Law and Procedure Committee is currently reviewing this legislation.

HB490 UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE (DYER, S) To adopt the revisions to the general provisions and documents of title portions of the Uniform Commercial Code that were recommended by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws and to make related changes in the Uniform Commercial Code and the Revised Code.

Current Status: 5/26/2010 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED**, House Financial Institutions, Real Estate and Securities, (Second Hearing)

Comments: The Civil Law and Procedure Committee is currently reviewing this legislation.

HB493 HUMAN TRAFFICKING (CHANDLER, K) To make changes relative to trafficking in persons.

Current Status: 5/19/2010 - House Criminal Justice, (First Hearing)

Comments: The Civil and Criminal Law and Procedure Committees are currently reviewing this legislation.

HB495 SUNSET REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS (BOOK, T) To implement the recommendations of the Sunset Review Committee by abolishing, terminating, transferring, or renewing various agencies and reestablishing the Sunset Review Commission but postponing its operation until the 132nd General Assembly.

Current Status: 6/3/2010 - **PASSED BY HOUSE**, Vote 98-0.

Comments: Staff will track and notify judges if enacted.

HB512 INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR JUVENILES (BELCHER, R) To ratify, enact into law, and enter into as a party the Interstate Compact for Juveniles; to provide for certain entities and officials and assign responsibilities that relate to that Compact; and to repeal the current Interstate Compact on Juveniles.

Current Status: 5/18/2010 - Referred to Committee House Criminal Justice

Comments: Staff will track and notify judges if enacted.

HB526 RESTITUTION-FELONIES/MISDEMEANOR OFFENSES (PRYOR, R) To make restitution mandatory in cases of felonies and misdemeanor offenses of violence, to modify the determination and enforcement of restitution, enhance the participation of crime victims and crime victim advocates in the sentencing or disposition and judicial or early release of offenders and delinquent children.

Current Status: 5/25/2010 - Referred to Committee House Criminal Justice

Comments: This bill is currently under review by the Criminal and Juvenile Law and Procedure Committees.

HB540 COURT COSTS (SLESNICK, S) To increase from ten dollars to twenty dollars the fee for the computerization of the office of the clerks of the municipal, the county, and common pleas courts, to require that all moneys collected by the clerk of a court be paid to the appropriate person, fund, or entity on or before the twentieth day of each month, to permit the municipal court, county court, and court of common pleas to collect unpaid court costs, fees, or fines from an obligor's state income tax refund, to require the Auditor of State to create and maintain a chart detailing the distribution of court costs, fees, and fines collected by court clerks, and to create the Committee on Court Costs.

Current Status: 6/2/2010 - Referred to Committee House Judiciary

Comments: This bill is currently under review by the Court Administration Committee.

HB544 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES - SPICE (RUHL, M) To add synthetic cannabinoids commonly known as K2 of Spice to the list of Schedule I controlled substances, prohibit the possession of Spice, prohibit trafficking in Spice, and provide that if Spice is the drug involved in a violation of the offense of corrupting another with drugs the penalty for the violation will be the same as if marijuana was the drug involved in the offense.

Current Status: 6/2/2010 - Introduced

Comments: Staff will track and notify judges if enacted.

HJR9 AGE OF JUDICIAL NOMINEE (HUFFMAN, M) To change the age at and after which a person may not be elected or appointed to a judicial office and to eliminate the authority of the General Assembly to establish courts of conciliation and to reappoint to Supreme Court commission.

Current Status: 5/19/2010 - Re-Referred to Committee

Comments: None

SB13 FORECLOSURE ACTIONS (MILLER, D) To require a clerk of courts to notify tenants when a foreclosure action is filed, to require the Director of Commerce to prepare a publication to assist owners and tenants of foreclosed residential rental property, the require the Director of Commerce to prepare a publication to assist owners and tenants of foreclosed residential rental property, to require the officer taking lands and tenements to notify the owner of the property of the date, time, and place of the sale of the foreclosed property, to require landlords to notify tenants when a property is foreclosed and when a sale is scheduled, to provide for continuance of a rental agreement after a foreclosure sale, to impose a civil penalty upon the landlord if the landlord fails to notify the tenants when a property is foreclosed, and to provide civil remedies for a tenant whose landlord violates the bill's provisions.

Current Status: 6/24/2009 - **SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED & REPORTED OUT**, Senate Judiciary - Civil Justice, (Sixth Hearing)

Comments: The Civil Law and Procedure Committee reviewed the legislation and determined that the substitute version shifting the notification burden from the courts to the landlord would remove negative impact on the courts. Staff will track and notify judges if enacted.

SB22 SENTENCING REVISIONS (SEITZ, B) To increase the threshold amount for determining increased penalties for theft-related offenses; to provide that if "nonsupport of dependents" is based on abandonment of or failure to support a child or a person to whom a court order requires support and is a felony the sentencing court generally must first consider placing the offender on one or more community control sanctions; to modify parole board membership; to require GPS monitoring of certain prisoners released on post-release control; to make changes regarding halfway houses and to authorize reentry centers; to develop an implementation plan related to funding through the federal Second Chance Act related to community reentry offenders. and to make numerous other changes to the sentencing laws.

Current Status: 6/17/2009 - **REPORTED OUT AS AMENDED**, Senate Judiciary - Criminal Justice, (Fourth Hearing)

Comments: The Criminal Law and Procedure Committee reviewed the substitute version and determined it tempers potential negative impact of introduced version and expands judicial discretion in certain areas of criminal sentencing. LETTER SENT TO SEN. SEITZ.

SB33 INMATE RE-ENTRY (MILLER, D) To require the Bureau of Examination and Classification within the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction to develop a re-entry plan for each inmate of a correctional institution.

Current Status: 3/25/2009 - Senate Judiciary - Criminal Justice, (Fifth Hearing)

Comments: The Criminal Law and Procedure Committee reviewed the legislation and determined it would have minimal impact. Staff will track and notify judges if enacted.

SB36 JUDGMENT OFFERS- CIVIL PROCEDURE (KEARNEY, E) To request the Supreme Court to amend Rule 68 of the Ohio Rules of Civil Procedure regarding offers of judgment.

Current Status: 6/24/2009 - **REPORTED OUT AS AMENDED**, Senate Judiciary - Civil Justice, (Fourth Hearing)

Comments: The Civil Law and Procedure Committee reviewed the introduced version of this legislation and determined that it might conflict with an existing Ohio Rule of Civil Procedure and might conflict with the Modern Courts Amendment. Subsequent amendments ameliorate those concerns.

SB42 SEX OFFENDERS (SCHAFFER, T) To specify that the restriction against offenders convicted of a sexually oriented offense or child-victim oriented offense establishing or occupying a residence near school, preschool, or child day-care premises generally applies regardless of when the offense was committed or the offender began living in the residence, to provide an exemption from the ban for offenders who occupy residential premises they or their spouse own at the time of occupancy and also owned prior to the ban's effective date, and to specify that a registration requirement for children adjudicated delinquent for a sexually oriented offense and classified a juvenile offender registrant applies regardless of when the offense was committed.

Current Status: 5/6/2009 - House Judiciary, (First Hearing)

Comments: The Criminal Law and Procedure Committee determined that the legislation would have a minimal impact on courts in the general division. The Juvenile Law and Procedure Committee determined that retroactive application of the registration requirements raised constitutional questions, and would result in mandatory registration for some juvenile offenders who were not intended to be included on registry lists at the time of adjudication. LETTER SENT TO SEN. SCHAFFER

SB80 ACCOUNTANT-CLIENT PRIVILEGE (SEITZ, B) To create an accountant-client testimonial privilege.

Current Status: 5/6/2009 - **REPORTED OUT**, Senate Judiciary - Civil Justice, (Fourth Hearing)

Comments: The Civil Law and Procedure Committee reviewed the legislation and determined that the term accountant was vague and that the testimonial privilege undermines the truth-seeking function of the court and may compromise the administration of justice. LETTERS SENT TO SEN. SEITZ

SB86 PHYSICIAN IMMUNITY (BUEHRER, S) To grant qualified civil immunity to a physician who provides emergency medical services, first-aid treatment, or other emergency professional care in compliance with the Federal Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act or as a result of a disaster and to provide that these provisions do not apply to wrongful death actions.

Current Status: 5/25/2010 - Referred to Committee House Civil and Commercial Law

Comments: Staff will track and notify judges if enacted.

SB185 GENERAL REVENUE FUND (JONES, S) To prohibit the transfer of cash from certain non-General Revenue Funds to the General Revenue Fund.

Current Status: 2/2/2010 - Referred to Committee House Finance and Appropriations

SB191 CAMPAIGN FINANCE (SCHURING, K) to require each campaign committee that receives a contribution from an individual that exceeds \$100 to identify the individual's employer on the campaign committee's campaign finance statements and to require an individual who makes a contribution exceeding \$100 to a campaign committee to provide the name of the individual's employer to the campaign committee at the time the contribution is made.

Current Status: 3/23/2010 - **BILL AMENDED**, Senate State and Local Government and Veterans Affairs, (Fourth Hearing)

Comments: Staff will track and notify judges if enacted.

SB197 FORECLOSURE MEDIATION (JONES, S) To require courts to establish and operate programs of mandatory foreclosure mediation in non-tax foreclosure actions on occupied residential properties and to establish procedures for the operation of those foreclosure mediation programs.

Current Status: 2/9/2010 - Senate Finance and Financial Institutions, (Fifth Hearing)

Comments: The Civil Law and Procedure Committee reviewed the bill and determined that creating a foreclosure mediation process is a matter of public policy. The committee is working with the bill's sponsor as an interested party.

SB211 JUVENILE REPEAT TRAFFIC VIOLATORS (HUGHES, J) To permit a judge to elect not to suspend the probationary driver's license of certain juvenile repeat traffic violators.

Current Status: 5/26/2010 - House Judiciary, (Third Hearing)

Comments: This bill is under review by the Juvenile Law and Procedure Committee. LETTER SENT TO SEN. HUGHES.

SB235 TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS (FEDOR, T) To create the offense of trafficking in persons.

Current Status: 4/28/2010 - Senate Judiciary - Criminal Justice, (Third Hearing)

Comments: The Criminal Law and Procedure committee reviewed the bill and determined it will have minimal impact. LETTERS SENT TO SENS. FEDOR AND GRENDALL.

SB237 SORN LAW NOTIFICATION (SMITH, S) To apply SORN Law victim notification and community notification to specified offenders or delinquent children who verify their registered residence address and for whom such notifications previously have not been provided and to revise the criteria for subjecting offenders and delinquent children to SORN Law community notification.

Current Status: 4/28/2010 - Senate Judiciary - Criminal Justice, (Second Hearing)

Comments: Staff will track and notify judges if enacted.

SB239 CONCEALED CARRY (JONES, S) To permit a concealed carry licensee to possess a firearm in liquor permit premises, or an open air arena, for which a D permit has been issued if the licensee is not consuming liquor under the influence of alcohol or a drug of abuse and to modify the offense of improperly handling firearms in a motor vehicle as it applies to concealed carry licenses.

Current Status: 6/2/2010 - Referred to Committee House Public Safety and Homeland Security

Comments: Staff will track and notify judges if enacted.

SB242 JUDICIAL CONSENT-MINOR ABORTION (GRENDALL, T) To revise the procedures governing a hearing by which a court may permit a pregnant minor to consent to an abortion or by which a court may give judicial consent for a pregnant minor to have an abortion and to require a court to make its findings with respect to such a hearing by clear and convincing evidence.

Current Status: 6/2/2010 - Referred to Committee House Judiciary

Comments: Staff will track and notify judges if enacted.

SB251 UNIFORM POWER OF ATTORNEY ACT (SEITZ, B) To adopt the Uniform Power of Attorney Act; to modify a trustee's duties with respect to life insurance policies, specify a trustee's power to distribute trust principal in further trust, provide for the titling of assets in trust form, and make other changes in the Trust Code; to modify the anti-lapse provisions regarding wills and adopt anti-lapse provisions applicable to trusts; and to provide a mechanism for a probate court to order a person who suffers from alcohol and other drug abuse to undergo treatment.

Current Status: 6/2/2010 - **REPORTED OUT**, Senate Judiciary - Civil Justice, (Third Hearing)

Comments: The Probate Law and Procedure Committee is working with the sponsor of the bill.

SB271 NUDE PHOTOS-MINORS (CATES, G) To prohibit a minor, by use of a telecommunications device or other means, from knowingly creating, receiving, exchanging, sending, or possessing a photograph or other material showing a minor in a state of nudity.

Current Status: 5/26/2010 - Referred to Committee Senate Judiciary - Criminal Justice

Comments: The Juvenile Law and Procedure Committee is working with the sponsor on this bill.

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