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In Case You Missed It:

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Legislative News: Two-Week Review

• **HB 507** (Reps. John, Newman) **Receiving Prostitution Proceeds**, voted out of the House, 3.4.26. The bill prohibits a person from receiving the proceeds of prostitution, an F3 (an F2 if the person being prostituted is a child younger than 18). Receiving Proceeds of Prostitution can also constitute a corrupt activity that can be prosecuted as Engaging in a Pattern of Corrupt Activities, if applicable.

• **SB 368** (Sen. Roegner) **Endowment Agreement Violation**, introduced 2.23.26. The bill establishes the scope and procedures for a civil action when an institution violates a restriction in an endowment agreement.

• **SB 370** (Rep. Romanchuk) **Increase Penalties if Victim with Disability**, introduced 2.26.26. The bill alters the offenses of Assault, Felonious Assault, Aggravated Assault, Negligent Assault, Strangulation, Menacing, Aggravated Menacing, Menacing by Stalking, Hazing, Kidnapping, Extortion, Criminal Usury, Coercion, Trafficking in Persons, Sexual Battery, Gross Sexual Imposition, Domestic Violence, Criminal Damaging or Endangering, Criminal Mischief, Robbery, Burglary, Theft, Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle, Unauthorized Use of Property, Telecommunications Fraud, Telecommunications Harassment, Misuse of Credit Cards, Forgery, Securing Writings by Deception, Identity Fraud, and Failing to Provide for a Functionally Impaired Person to generally increase penalties if the victim is a person with a disability (or to clarify language where an increased penalty for a victim with a disability already exists).

• **HB 714** (Reps. Odioso, Sigrist) **Vehicular Assault Penalty Increase**, introduced 2.24.26. The bill creates a new vehicular assault offense by prohibiting causing serious physical harm to another person or another's unborn as the proximate result of operating a vehicle negligently (generally an M2). It increases the penalty for failing to yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian in a crosswalk from an MM to a M4 and adjusts penalties upwards if the offender has certain prior traffic offenses within the prior year.

• **HB 727** (Reps. Fischer, Plummer) **DYS Grant Formula Modification**, introduced 3.4.26. The bill modifies the formula for grants to counties form the Department of Youth Services to operate community corrections facilities for felony delinquents. A county's allocation shall be proportional to the county's share of felony delinquency proceedings brought in the preceding year.

• **HB 728** (Reps. Odioso, Plummer) **Juvenile Delinquency Hearings**, introduced 3.4.26. The bill eliminates informal hearings and dismissals in the best interest of the child in certain juvenile delinquency cases, specifically where the offense would be a felony, including any specifications, or an offense of violence if committed by an adult.

• **Don't forget!** The new **Superintendence Rule 5(F)** requires courts, prior to 7.1.26, to adopt, by local rule, a reporting to law enforcement compliance plan ensuring that complete, accurate, and timely information on **sentencing disposition is submitted to BCI, LEADS**, and other law enforcement databases. The Supreme Court has developed [templates for sample rules and plans](#).

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

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