

Legislative News: Two-Week Review



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In Case You Missed It:

[Attorney General Yost Calls for Statutory Bar on Crowdfunding for Accused; USA Today May 20, 2025](#)

The Ohio Judicial Conference is dedicated to serving all Ohio judges. The Judicial Conference is the voice of the judiciary & a primary resource to ensure the fair, unbiased, open & effective administration of justice.

- **[HB 5](#)** (Reps. Williams, Willis) **Repeat Offender Classification**, voted out of the House and sent to the Senate, 5.21.25. The bill creates a repeat weapons offender classification, modifies firearm specifications, increases penalties for certain firearm offenses and specifications, expands relief from firearms disability. The bill modifies the sealing procedure for Ms, F4s and F5s; it requires the sentencing court to send a letter to the prosecutor, the subject of the proceedings, and victim, not more than 2 weeks after a determination that a record is eligible for sealing.
- **[SB 204](#)** (Sen. Reynolds) **Suppressing Eviction Records**, introduced 5.20.25. The bill requires that any records associated with an eviction action are suppressed and not accessible to the public until an order is entered granting the plaintiff possession of the premises. The court records may remain private if both parties agree to suppress the records.
- **[HB 268](#)** (Reps. Click, Humphrey) **Certificates of Qualification for Employment**, introduced 5.13.25. The bill allows an individual to apply for a CQE before completing post-release control.
- **[HB 282](#)** (Rep. Williams) **Immigration Status at Bail Determination**, introduced 5.20.25. The bill adds a person's immigration status as a factor a court must consider when sentencing or ordering bail.
- **[HB 295](#)** (Rep. Young) **Expedited Removal of Unauthorized Occupants**, introduced 5.20.25. The bill creates a process for the expedited removal of unauthorized occupants of residential property and prohibits the use and sale of fraudulent deeds. See SB 5.
- **[HB 296](#)** (Rep. Miller, M.) **Delay Financial Sanctions**, introduced 5.20.25. The bill delays the enforcement of financial sanctions for 180 days after an offender's release from prison or completion of transitional control.
- Attorney General Yost recently joined 39 other attorneys general in writing to Congress urging them not to move forward with a potential moratorium preventing states from enacting regulations over **artificial intelligence (AI)** for 10 years. The measure is being considered as part of the federal budget reconciliation process.
- Several proposed changes to the **Rules of Superintendence** have been published for public comment: [standard probate forms 18.0, 18.2, 18.4, 18.6, 18.7, 19.0, 19.2 and proposed forms 14.4, 14.5, 19.4, 20.1 through 20.15](#); [assignment of cases at Sup.R. 36.018](#); [disqualification at Sup.R. 36.019](#); [presiding and administrative judges at Rules 3 through 4.04, 5, 8, 14, 14.01, 14.02, 16.24, 16.54, 16.61, 16.62, 16.63, 16.64, 16.65, 19, 34, 36.01, 36.011, 36.012, 36.013, 36.014, 36.016, 36.26, 37, 37.01, 37.02, 37.03, 39, 41, 43](#); [law enforcement and compliance plan at Sup.R. 5](#); [foreign language and sign language interpreters at Sup.R. 80 through 89](#); and [assisted outpatient treatment programs at Sup.R. 79.01](#). The public comment period ends 6.2.25; send comments to RuleAmendments@sc.ohio.gov

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