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In Case You Missed It:

Public comment for [Rule changes to Caseload Statistical Reporting](#) is now open, until July 13. Comments can be sent via [email](#).

ODRC and the UC Corrections Institute, recently updated the Ohio Risk Assessment System (ORAS), also known as ORAS 3.0. Questions about training can be sent to [John Rayle at ODRC](#).

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

Legislative News: Two-Week Review

- [HB 20](#) (Rep. Plummer) **Increased Penalties, Obstruction**, passed by the Senate and House concurs in amendments, 6.9.26. The bill increases the penalty for obstructing official business from an M2 to an M1 in certain circumstances involving an emergency service responder. If a violation creates a risk of physical harm to an emergency service responder, the offense is an F4.
- [HB 195](#) (Rep. Isaacsohn) **Uniform Commercial Code**, passed by the Senate and House concurs in amendments, 6.9.26. The bill makes changes to the U.C.C., mostly relative to *controllable electronic records*, a.k.a. digital assets subject to exclusive control.
- [HB 345](#) (Rep. LaRe) **Increased Penalties, Voyeurism**, passed by the House, 6.3.26. The bill increases the existing penalties for repeat voyeurism (from a range or M3 – M1 to F5 – F4, and F4 – F3 for repeat offenses).
- [SB 419](#) (Sen. Gavarone) **Temporary Permit Age**, passed by the Senate, 6.10.25. The bill lowers the age a juvenile may obtain a temporary driving permit and expands the time a juvenile must hold the temporary permit to a year.
- [SB 422](#) (Sens. Brenner, Schaffer) **Sex Offender Requirements**, passed by the Senate, 6.10.26. The bill prohibits sex offenders from being present on the premises of a school or child care center.
- [HB 441](#) (Reps. Mathews, Stewart) **Statute of Limitations for Libel, Slander**, passed by the House 6.3.26. The bill provides that for purposes of the statute of limitations, the cause of action for libel or slander starts from publication or speech, regardless of when the aggrieved party discovered the libel or slander. The bill codifies the dissent in the case of *Weidman v. Hildebrandt*.
- [HB 455](#) (Reps. Bird, Manning) **Education Omnibus**, passed by the Senate and House concurs in amendments, 6.10.26. The bill was amended to include truancy provisions from HB 311 and HB 518, including authorizing court jurisdiction over a truant that does not end at the end of a school year.
- [HB 528](#) (Rep. Williams) **Forcible Rape**, passed by the House, 6.3.26. The bill requires a 7-year mandatory minimum prison term for forcible rape.
- [HB 654](#) (Reps. Deeter, Manning) **Abuse of Corpse**, passed by the House, 6.9.26. The bill increases the penalty for abuse of a corpse (from M2 to F5) and gross abuse of a corpse (from F5 to F4).
- [State v. Turner](#) (2024-1242), decided 6.3.26, overruled *State v. Smith*, saying that when a juvenile court transfers a case to the adult court, it transfers the entire case, including all acts charged in the juvenile complaint; the adult court has jurisdiction not only to offenses charged in the juvenile complaint but to any offense for which the grand jury issues an indictment.
- In [State v. Heffley](#) (2024-1304), decided 6.2.26, the Supreme Court ruled that a federal prohibition from possessing firearms does not prevent a person from petitioning to have their state firearm rights reinstated if the state and federal prohibitions stem from the same conviction.
- **The OJC has a new website!** Along with a fresh new look, the site features streamlined navigation, updated member tools, and improved organization across all major sections.

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