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In Case You Missed It:

[*The Supreme Court Hosted a Webinar on the Most Recent Changes to the Rules of Practice and Procedure on July 9*](#)

[*The Attorney General has Launched a Crime Statistics Dashboard \(unrelated to the case disposition dashboard\)*](#)

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](#) (Reps. Hall, Plummer) **Increased Penalties, Obstruction**, signed by the Governor, 7.7.26. The bill increases the penalty for obstructing official business (RC 2921.31) from an M2 to an M1 under specified circumstances involving an emergency service responder; and it increases the penalty for obstructing official business from an M2 to F4 if a violation creates a risk of physical harm to an emergency service responder. The bill modifies current law regarding menacing (RC 2903.22) by including a "probation officer" within the definition of "emergency service responder." It goes into effect 90 days after the Governor's signature.
 - [HB 195](#) (Reps. Isaacsohn, Mathews) **Uniform Commercial Code**, signed by the Governor, 7.7.26. The bill establishes UCC Article 12 to provide rules for transactions involving certain new types of digital assets named controllable electronic records (CERs). It also contains a change needed to comport with an administrative change (in [HB 96](#), the operating budget) to how retired judges are paid. The bill goes into effect 90 days after the Governor's signature.
 - [HB 210](#) (Reps. Plummer, Roemer) **Catalytic Converters**, signed by the Governor, 7.7.26. The bill creates several new offenses in RC 2913.02: theft of a catalytic converter (F5); receiving a stolen catalytic converter (F5); enterprise theft of a catalytic converter (fine imposed on a business); and enterprise receipt of a stolen catalytic converter (fine imposed on a business). The bill goes into effect 90 days after the Governor's signature.
 - [HB 268](#) (Reps. Click, Humphrey) **Certificate of Qualification for Employment**, signed by the Governor, 6.24.26. The bill allows people on PRC to apply for a CQE, as long as a year has passed from the time of release from prison. It goes into effect 9.23.26.
 - [HB 492](#) (Reps. Abrams, Ray) **Interfering with Arrest**, signed by the Governor, 7.7.26. The bill expands the prohibition against interfering with arrest to all motor vehicle-related laws. It requires drivers and passengers to disclose their name, address, and date of birth to a peace officer on request. The bill goes into effect 90 days after the Governor's signature.
 - [HB 533](#) (Rep. Miller, K.) **Vehicular Homicide**, signed by the Governor, 7.7.26. The bill adds to the list of vehicles that, if causing injury or death, can lead to a charge of vehicular homicide or vehicular assault. The added vehicles are under-speed vehicles (like a golf cart), motorized bicycles or mopeds, motor-driven cycles or motor scooters, and all-purpose vehicles. The bill goes into effect 90 days after the Governor's signature.
 - [HB 964](#) (Reps. Sims, Thomas, C.) **Jury Source List**, introduced 6.10.26. The bill requires names submitted by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles to be included on the annual jury source list (current law allows, but does not require, the use of this list).
 - **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.
 - **Save the Date!** The OJC Annual Meeting is September 16 and 17 at the Hilton Easton in Columbus.
- For a complete list of bills & the latest Enactment News, please visit the [OJC website](#).**



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