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In Case You Missed It:

The OSBA, OSBF, ONU Law, and Toledo Law Launched [Lawyers = Justice: A Northwest Ohio Legal Collaborative](#), Creating a Hybrid Fellowship-Clinic Model Meant to Bring More Legal Help to Rural Communities

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 455](#) (Reps. Bird, Manning) **Truancy**, signed by the Governor, 7.10.26. The bill grants a juvenile court the discretion to maintain jurisdiction over a child who has been adjudicated a habitual truant during the subsequent school year for the purpose of monitoring the child's attendance and also clarifies that a delinquency or unruliness adjudication of the child are not prerequisites to a conviction of contributing to delinquency. [The bill will go into effect October 9, 2026.](#)
- [SB 466](#) (Sen. Blessing) **Sentence Reduction Credit**, introduced 7.21.26. The bill requires 180 days of credit or a 15% reduction of a person's stated prison term (whichever is less) for each career technical vocational school program or college certification program completed by an inmate. The aggregate number of days credited cannot exceed 25% (up from 15% in current law) of the total number of days in a stated prison term.
- [SB 467](#) (Sen. Patton) **Marked Police Cars**, introduced 8.5.26. The bill requires any police car enforcing traffic laws be marked as a police car if the offenses being policed are punishable as either misdemeanors (current law) or as civil traffic violations recorded by a photo-monitoring device (language in the bill).
- In [State v. Polizzi](#) (Slip Opinion No. 2026-Ohio-2588), decided on 7.10.26, the Ohio Supreme Court rules that **proportionality review** does not require courts to consider the total number of consecutive sentences and the resulting aggregate prison term when imposing or reviewing consecutive sentences. Additionally, a trial court may consider the offender's overall conduct and the harm caused by his or her crimes when imposing consecutive sentences.
- In [State v. Barnes](#) (Slip Opinion No. 2026-Ohio-2750), decided on 7.22.26, the Ohio Supreme Court affirmed a decision denying a **delayed appeal** of a decision denying restitution. Court rules give criminal defendants, but not crime victims, the right to pursue a case by filing a delayed appeal.
- At the federal level, the **Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act** may be amended by [S. 2993](#), which would expand the LEOSA provisions to judges – but only federal judges. LEOSA, codified at [18 U.S.C. §§ 926B](#) and [926C](#), was enacted in 2004 to address a practical problem: law enforcement officers who traveled across state lines faced inconsistent firearms laws that could render them unable to carry concealed weapons for self-defense outside their home jurisdictions. S. 2993 would extend LEOSA's protections to prosecutors and federal judges but excludes state court judges. Consider reading [Judge Lucci's article](#) on the topic.
- **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. [Register](#) for 10.25 CLE hours (including 2.25 judicial conduct hours) and hear a U.S. Constitutional Law update, a Supreme Court of Ohio case law update, and other topics relevant to today's judiciary.

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



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