ENACTMENT SUMMARY

House Bill 195

Uniform Commercial Code
Retired Judges' Pay Funding Authority

Effective October 6, 2026

On July 7, 2026, Governor DeWine signed into law House Bill 195 (Rep. Isaacsohn and Rep. Mathews), which adopts changes to the Uniform Commercial Code. The bill was amended to also include an administrative change concerning the funding for pay for retired judges who sit by assignment.

The bill adopts the 2022 amendments to the U.C.C. promulgated by the Uniform Law Commission. It establishes a new Article 12 within the U.C.C. to provide rules for transactions involving controllable electronic records, or CERs; CERs are a newly classified type of electronic property that are negotiable and can be "controlled," analogous to possession of tangible property. An example is an asset stored on a blockchain. Relatedly, nearly every article of the U.C.C. is revised by the bill to include CERs.

The bill also requires the Administrative Director of the Ohio Supreme Court, rather than the county treasurer, to issue a billing statement to the administrative judge of the court on which a retired judge is serving. This change tracks a separate change made in HB 96 (and in effect July 1, 2025) that made the Supreme Court the funding source for the payroll of retired judges sitting by assignment.

The bill passed the Ohio House of Representatives by a vote of 83-7 on November 5, 2025 and the Ohio Senate by a vote of 31-0 on June 3, 2026. The House concurred in Senate amendments (93-2) on June 9, 2026. It was signed into law on July 7, 2026 and becomes effective on October 6, 2026.