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JSCCD12 Sealing juvenile court records

R.C. 2151.356

Implements a balancing test that allows the juvenile court to seal any records pertaining to a juvenile if the court, after weighing the interests of the person in having the records sealed against the legitimate needs, if any, of the public to access those records, finds that the interests of a person in having the records sealed are not outweighed by any legitimate needs of the public to access those records.

Fiscal effect: Minimal.

R.C. 2151.356

Replaces the Executive with a balancing test for sealing that applies only if (1) a complaint is filed against a delinquent child, an unruly child, or a juvenile traffic offender and the court dismisses the complaint, or finds the person to not be a delinquent child, an unruly child, or a juvenile traffic offender; or (2) a person has been adjudicated an unruly child and is 18 years or older is not under the jurisdiction of the court in relation to a complaint alleging the person to be a delinquent child; and requires that the interests of a person in having the records sealed are not substantially outweighed by any legitimate governmental needs to maintain those records.

Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.

JSCCD14 Criminal and probate dockets

No provision.

R.C. 2303.12

Requires the clerk of courts to make criminal and probate dockets available online.

Fiscal effect: Increased administrative expenses to any clerk of courts office that does not currently make criminal and probate dockets available online.

JSCCD17 Reduce fees for computerization fund

No provision.

R.C. 2303.201

Reduces current law fees that the clerk of courts is permitted to charge for the efficient operation of the court when additional funds are required to computerize the court, to make available computerized legal research services, or to do both, when a court of common pleas fails to make civil dockets available online as follows:

No provision.

(a) The fee for filing certain causes of action or appeal from up to \$6 to up to \$3.

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No provision.

(b) The fee for filing certain causes of action or appeal, on the filing, docketing, and endorsing of each certificate of judgment, or on the docketing and indexing of each aid in execution or petition to vacate, revive, or modify a judgment from up to \$20 to up to \$10.

No provision.

(c) The fee for other services from up to \$1 to up to \$.50

No provision.

Delays the effective date of this provision for six months after the bill's 90-day effective date.

Fiscal effect: Potential reduction in fee revenue deposited to the county treasurer for any clerk of courts that charges these fees for a court of common pleas which does not make civil dockets available online.

JSCCD15 Clerk of the court of common pleas

No provision.

R.C. 2303.26

Requires clerks of the courts of common pleas to determine and implement the best means and methods for storing, maintaining, and retrieving all papers delivered to the clerk.

Fiscal effect: None.

JSCCD16 Alford pleas

No provision.

R.C. 2929.12, 2929.15 and 2929.25

Prohibits a court from imposing a requirement that an offender admit guilt as any condition of a sentence or a community control sanction.

Fiscal effect: None.

JSCCD13 Sealing and expungement

R.C. 2953.32

Removes a reference to the statute allowing sealing and expunging of official records in which a person is found not guilty, proceedings are dismissed, a grand jury no bill is entered, or a pardon is granted, from the statute listing conviction records that cannot be sealed or expunged.

Fiscal effect: None.

R.C. 2953.32

Same as the Executive.

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JSCCD1 State Criminal Sentencing Commission

Section: 317.20

Requires GRF ALI 005401, State Criminal Sentencing Commission, to be used for the operation of the State Criminal Sentencing Commission.

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Same as the Executive.

JSCCD2 Law-Related Education

Section: 317.20

Earmarks \$250,000 in each fiscal year from GRF ALI 005406, Law-Related Education, to be distributed directly to the Ohio Center for Law-Related Education to provide continuing citizenship education activities to primary and secondary students, expand delinquency prevention programs, increase activities for at-risk youth, and access additional public and private money for new programs.

Section: 317.20

Same as the Executive.

JSCCD3 Ohio Courts Technology Initiative

Section: 317.20

Requires GRF ALI 005409, Ohio Courts Technology Initiative, to be used to fund an initiative by the Supreme Court to facilitate:

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Same as the Executive.

(a) Exchange of information and warehousing of data by and between courts and other justice system partners through the maintenance of an Ohio Courts Network.

(a) Same as the Executive.

(b) Delivery of technology services to courts statewide, including the provision of hardware, software, and the development and implementation of educational and training programs for judges and court personnel.

(b) Same as the Executive.

(c) Operation of the Commission on Technology and the Courts for the promulgation of statewide rules, policies, and uniform standards, and to aid in the orderly adoption and comprehensive use of technology in Ohio courts.

(c) Same as the Executive.

No provision.

Makes elected and appointed clerks of the courts of common pleas, in addition to Ohio courts, eligible for grant funding under the Ohio Courts Technology Initiative.

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JSCCD4 Attorney Services

Section: 317.20

Requires the Attorney Registration Fund (Fund 4C80) consist of money received by the Supreme Court pursuant to the Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio.

Permits Fund 4C80 ALI 005605, Attorney Services, in addition to funding other activities considered appropriate by the Supreme Court, to be used to compensate employees and to fund appropriate activities of the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline, the Clients' Security Fund, and the Attorney Services Division including the Office of Bar Admissions.

Appropriates additional amounts as determined necessary by the Administrative Director of the Supreme Court.

Prohibits the OBM Director or CEB from transferring any of the money in Fund 4C80 to any other fund.

Requires any interest earned on the money in Fund 4C80 to be credited to the fund.

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JSCCD5 Court Interpreter Certification

Section: 317.20

Requires the Court Interpreter Certification Fund (Fund 5HT0) consist of money received by the Supreme Court pursuant to Rules 80 through 87 of the Rules of Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio.

Requires Fund 5HT0 ALI 005617, Court Interpreter Certification, to be used to provide training, to provide the written examination, and to pay language experts to rate, or grade, the oral examinations of those applying to become certified court interpreters.

Appropriates additional amounts as determined necessary by the Administrative Director of the Supreme Court.

Prohibits the OBM Director or the CEB from transferring any of the money in Fund 5HT0 to any other fund.

Section: 317.20

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Requires any interest earned on the money in Fund 5HT0 to be credited to the fund.	Same as the Executive.
JSCCD6 Civil Justice Grant Program	
Section: 317.20	Section: 317.20
Requires the Civil Justice Program Fund (Fund 5SP0) consist of \$50 voluntary donations made as part of the biennium attorney registration process, and \$150 of the pro hac vice fees for out-of-state attorneys pursuant to Government of the Bar Rules amendments.	Same as the Executive.
Requires Fund 5SP0 ALI 005626, Civil Justice Grant Program, to be used for grants to not-for-profit organizations and agencies dedicated to providing civil legal aid to underserved populations, to fund innovative programs directed at this purpose, and to increase access to judicial services to that population.	Same as the Executive.
Appropriates additional amounts as determined necessary by the Administrative Director of the Supreme Court.	Same as the Executive.
Prohibits the OBM Director or the CEB from transferring any of the money in Fund 5SP0 to any other fund.	Same as the Executive.
Requires any interest earned on the money in Fund 5SP0 to be credited to the fund.	Same as the Executive.
JSCCD7 Grants and Awards	
Section: 317.20	Section: 317.20
Requires the Grants and Awards Fund (Fund 5T80) consist of grants and other money awarded to the Supreme Court by the State Justice Institute, the Division of Criminal Justice Services, or other entities, and that the grant or award be used in a manner consistent with the purpose of the grant or award.	Same as the Executive.
Appropriates additional amounts as determined necessary by the Administrative Director of the Supreme Court.	Same as the Executive.
Prohibits the OBM Director or the CEB from transferring any of the money in Fund 5T80 to any other fund.	Same as the Executive.

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Requires any interest earned on money in the fund to be transferred or credited to the GRF.

Same as the Executive.

JSCCD8 Judiciary/Supreme Court Education

Section: 317.20

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Requires the Judiciary/Supreme Court Education Fund (Fund 6720) consist of fees paid for attending judicial and public education on the law, reimbursement of costs for judicial and public education on the law, and other gifts and grants received for the purpose of judicial and public education on the law.

Same as the Executive.

Requires Fund 6720 ALI 005601, Judiciary/Supreme Court Education, to be used to pay expenses for judicial education courses for judges, court personnel, and those who serve the courts, and for public education on the law.

Same as the Executive.

Appropriates additional amounts as determined necessary by the Administrative Director of the Supreme Court.

Same as the Executive.

Prohibits the OBM Director or the CEB from transferring any of the money in Fund 6720 to any other fund.

Same as the Executive.

Requires any interest earned on the money in Fund 6720 to be credited to the fund.

Same as the Executive.

JSCCD9 County Law Library Resources Boards

Section: 317.20

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Requires that the Statewide Consortium of County Law Library Resources Boards Fund (Fund 5JY0) consist of money deposited into a county's law library resources fund and forwarded by that county's treasurer for deposit in the state treasury.

Same as the Executive.

Requires that Fund 5JY0 ALI 005620, County Law Library Resources Boards, be used for the operation of the Statewide Consortium of County Law Library Resources Boards.

Same as the Executive.

Appropriates additional amounts as determined necessary by the Administrative Director of the Supreme Court.

Same as the Executive.

Executive	As Passed By House
Prohibits the OBM Director or the CEB from transferring any of the money in Fund 5JY0 to any other fund.	Same as the Executive.
Requires any interest earned on the money in Fund 5JY0 to be credited to the fund.	Same as the Executive.
<p>JSCCD10 Federal Grants</p>	
<p>Section: 317.20</p>	<p>Section: 317.20</p>
Requires the Federal Grants Fund (Fund 3J00) consist of grants and other money awarded to the Supreme Court by the federal government or other entities that receive the money directly from the federal government and distribute that money to the Supreme Court.	Same as the Executive.
Requires that Fund 3J00 ALI 005603, Federal Grants, be used in a manner consistent with the purpose of the grant or award.	Same as the Executive.
Appropriates additional amounts as determined necessary by the Administrative Director of the Supreme Court.	Same as the Executive.
Prohibits the OBM Director or the CEB from transferring any of the money in Fund 3J00 to any other fund.	Same as the Executive.
Requires any interest earned on the money in Fund 3J00 to be credited or transferred to the GRF.	Same as the Executive.

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AGOCD31 Public Records Law changes

R.C. 149.43

Creates an exemption under the Public Records Law for the following:

(1) "Specific investigatory work product" and defines it to include specific records developed during an investigation by the investigating officer, agent of an investigative agency, or prosecuting attorney.

(2) No provision.

(3) No provision.

(4) No provision.

No provision.

Fiscal effect: Potential administrative cost savings for state and local agencies if certain documents are no longer required to be released as part of a public records request due to an exemption under the Public Records Law.

R.C. 149.43

Same as the Executive, but with the following changes:

(1) Same as the Executive, but defines "specific investigatory work product" as information assembled by law enforcement officials in connection with a probable or pending criminal proceeding.

(2) "Attorney work product record," defined as a record (including any record that documents the independent thought processes, mental impressions, legal theories, strategies, analysis, or reasoning or reasoning of or for an attorney) created by or for an attorney in anticipation of or for litigation, trial, or administrative proceedings, when acting in an official capacity on behalf of the state, a political subdivision of the state, a state agency, public official, or public employee.

(3) A record created using assistive device or application when the record is used, maintained, and accessible only to the individual creating the record or causing the record to be created.

(4) The personal notes of a public official or public employee, or an attorney acting in an official capacity on behalf of the public official or public employee acting in their official capacity, which were created for reference and convenience and are used, maintained, and accessible only to the individual creating the record or causing the record to be created.

Clarifies that trial preparation records, which include any record that is not a confidential law enforcement investigatory record or attorney work product record, are exempt from the Public Records Law until after the conclusion of all direct appeals or, if no appeal is filed, at the expiration of the time during which an appeal may be filed.

Fiscal effect: Same as the Executive.

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LOCCD25 Pay raises

No provision.

R.C. 141.04, 325.18, 505.24, 507.09, and 3501.12, Section 701.70

Increases and extends pay raises for justices and judges, county officials, township officials, and members of county boards of elections, from 1.75% per year through 2028 under current law to 5% per year through 2029.

No provision.

Provides annual cost of living adjustments beginning in 2030 equal to the increase in CPI with a 3% maximum.

Fiscal effect: JSC will incur increased GRF expenditures averaging approximately \$9.0 million per year over the 4-year period covering 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029. For 2030-2035, during which current law does not provide for any salary increases, the additional expenditures for JSC over current law total about \$29.4 million per year on average. There will also be increased payroll expenditures for county, township, and county boards of elections.