



# Ohio Judicial Conference

The Voice of Ohio Judges

Ohio House of Representatives  
Criminal Justice Committee  
Sub. H.B. 63, 132<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly

Chair Manning and members of the House Criminal Justice Committee:

The Criminal Law and Procedure Committee of the Ohio Judicial Conference has reviewed H.B. 63, which creates a new sentencing specification if a felonious assault-offender leaves his or her victim permanently and seriously disfigured, or permanently and substantially incapacitated. It is the position of the Ohio Judicial Conference that the bill will likely not have a significant impact on court caseload or public confidence in the judiciary.

While the Ohio Judicial Conference generally disfavors mandatory sentences, Rep. Hughes has worked closely with our organization and has incorporated many of our suggestions into the substitute bill. The sub bill represents a narrowly-tailored approach that would apply only to the worst of the worst offenders of felonious assault, while maintaining judicial discretion in determining how many years of prison to impose upon an offender.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this Interested Party testimony, and thanks as well to Rep. Hughes for seeking, and implementing, the feedback of the Ohio Judicial Conference on this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

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