The Ohio CIVICC Database

http://CIVICCOhio.org

What is CIVICC?

1.9 million Ohioans—I in 6—have a misdemeanor or felony conviction. They face over 850 state statutes, sometimes called "collateral consequences," that restrict their employment, housing, family involvement, civic participation, and other rights and privileges. Anyone who has been



involvement, civic participation, and other rights and privileges. Anyone who has been adjudicated a delinquent child may also face some of these restrictions. The Ohio <u>Civ</u>il Impacts of <u>C</u>riminal <u>C</u>onvictions Database (http://CIVICCOhio.org) is a web-based tool created by the Ohio Justice & Policy Center and the Ohio Public Defender to answer two questions about these state laws:

- ▶ What are the civil impacts that are triggered by a specific case outcome in criminal or juvenile court?
- ▶ What offenses and outcomes are likely to trigger a specific civil impact?

Answers to these questions are essential for anyone who seeks a CQE (Certificate of Qualification for Employment) or CAE (Certificate of Achievement and Employability). In fact many people need these answers:

- Judges
- Prosecutors
- Defense attorneys
- Criminal defendants
- Legislators
- Career counselors
- Vocational-education admissions
- Corrections, probation, & parole
- Employers
- Soon-to-be-released inmates
- Anyone with a criminal record
- Anyone with a juvenile adjudication

Ohio is the first state to have a tool like this, linking specific offenses to specific civil impacts. With such information readily available, people with criminal records can avoid numerous barriers so they can better become productive citizens in our communities.

The law changes often. Despite continual expansion and updating, CIVICC is no substitute for a lawyer's advice.

How do I search CIVICC? What results will I get?

CIVICC is free and requires no special training. Try it: http://CIVICCOhio.org.

Using CIVICC, you can search for offenses or civil impacts (collateral consequences) using all or part of an Ohio Revised Code section number or a keyword.

When searching for offenses, you get a link to the full statutory text and, on the Offense Detail page, a list of the civil impacts triggered by that offense.



When searching for civil impacts, you

also get a link to the statutory text and, on the *Impact Detail* page, a list of the *Triggers* for that civil impact. Triggers may be individual offenses or they may be categories of offenses, such as "drug crime" or "offenses against a minor." If available, the Impact Detail page also will have a link to any regulation that creates an *Exception* to the civil impact.

CIVICC is designed to be easy to use, but each page has a link to the detailed <u>User Guide/FAQs</u>.

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