

LEGISLATION

The Judiciary's legislative team brings together representatives of the courts and the Administrative Office of the Courts to enhance the effectiveness of the Judicial Branch's relationship with the General Assembly by serving as the main Judicial Branch contact for legislative matters and by monitoring and analyzing legislation for impact on the judiciary. The following legislation affecting the Judicial Branch was passed during FY 2014 by the 147th session of the General Assembly:

BILL NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
SB 136	Removes a defunct reference to a repealed provision of the Code.
SB 169	Authorizes the Justice of the Peace Court to conduct drug testing of its uniformed services employees.
SB 260	Creates incentives for DUI defendants to enter the Court of Common Pleas' DUI Court Treatment Program.
HB 227	Guardians no longer have to be appointed in all cases involving minors who receive money or property through settlements, bequests, or other transfers as long as the amount falls below a certain threshold and the funds are deposited in court approved financial instruments. The Court of Chancery and the Superior Court, with the approval of the Supreme Court, have the discretion to set the dollar threshold below which a guardian of a minor's property need not be appointed.
HB 243	Clarifies that the Justice of the Peace Court has exclusive jurisdiction over agricultural lease matters.
HB 244	Clarifies that portable storage containers are not storage warehouses and that the property located within a portable storage container is not exempt from levy and sale.
HB 392	Exempts court security positions in the Court of Common Pleas and uniformed services supervisors in the Justice of the Peace Court from the State of Delaware Merit Rules.