



ENACTMENT NEWS

House Bill 290 **School Premises Liability** Effective March 19, 2015

House Bill 290 provides civil and criminal immunity regarding the use of school district premises when permitting members of the public to use school premises. The bill was amended in the Senate Civil Justice Committee to include a provision that addresses the temporary relocation of Ohio court proceedings due to natural disaster or civil emergency, as contemplated in the recently approved Sup.R. 14 – 14.02. In the event of a natural or man-made disaster, civil disorder, or any extraordinary circumstance that interrupts or threatens to interrupt the orderly operation of a municipal court within the territorial jurisdiction of the court, the administrative judge of the court may issue an order authorizing the court to operate at a temporary location that may be outside the territorial jurisdiction of the court. The legislation applies to municipal courts, county courts, and courts of common pleas (R.C. 1901.028, 1907.04, and 2301.04). H.B. 290 was signed on December 19, 2014 and will become effective on March 19, 2015.