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In Case You Missed It:

[*A jail-sized loophole and other debates over use of local ARPA funds; Dayton Daily News, March 12, 2023*](#)

[*Most juvenile court judges in Ohio can't grant witness immunity, Ohio Supreme Court holds; Cleveland Plain Dealer, March 16, 2023*](#)

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Legislative News: Two-Week Review

- **HB 64** (Reps. Creech, Kick) **Eminent Domain**, introduced 2.21.23. The bill makes changes to eminent-domain proceedings, such as increasing the appropriating party's burden of proof, excluding recreational trails as a public use for which property could be appropriated, prohibiting the appropriating entity from reducing any offers made, allowing property owners to sue for inverse condemnation, and requiring courts hearing inverse-condemnation cases to award attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses to successful property owners.
- **HB 68** (Rep. Click) **Gender Services**, introduced 2.27.23. When allocating parental rights and responsibilities or parenting time, the bill prohibits a court from considering whether a parent has declined to consent to gender services or counseling requested by the minor concerning the minor's perception of their gender or whether a parent has decided to raise a child consistent with the minor's biological sex.
- **HB 91** (Rep. Patton) **Prohibit Tracking Devices**, introduced 3.7.23. Prohibits the installation of a tracking device or application on another person's property without their consent, with certain exceptions such as law enforcement monitoring or parents tracking their minor children. A violation is a first-degree misdemeanor.
- **HB 100** (Rep. K. Miller) **Thin Blue Line Flag**, introduced 3.9.23. Prohibits manufactured home park operators, condominium/neighborhood associations, and landlords from restricting the display of the "thin blue line" flag.
- **HB 111** (Reps. LaRe, K. Miller) **Domestic Violence Penalties**, introduced 3.14.23. Creates a presumption of prison for F3 domestic violence, and increases the term of imprisonment for instances when the victim is pregnant.
- The **Ohio Jury Management Association** is conducting its **Jury Management Seminar "Improving the Juror Experience"** in conjunction with the Judicial College, on April 28 from 8:30am-2:15pm in Westerville. Four CLE hours available (no Judicial College credit hours). For more information, email College staff at OhioCourtEDU@sc.ohio.gov.
- The Moritz College of Law's Drug Enforcement Policy Center is holding a **Zoom webinar** entitled **"Senate Bill 288 – Implications for the Criminal Justice System in Ohio"** on April 12 at noon.
- The Ohio Public Defender has published a [memo](#) with a periodic update on the FY23 reimbursement rate and information on the FY24/FY25 budget.
- The Office of Criminal Justice Services is developing a 5-year strategic plan to determine Ohio's **criminal justice funding priorities** and is administering a survey to obtain input about Ohio's criminal justice needs. If you would like to participate in the survey, use this [link](#).
- **Save the Date:** OJC's Annual **Judicial-Legislative Exchange** is planned for 5.9.23, in conjunction with **Law Day** and a bench-bar reception hosted by the OJC, the OSBA, and the Access to Justice Foundation. If you are interested in participating, please email justin.long@sc.ohio.gov.

For a complete list of bills & the latest Enactment News, please visit the [OJC website](#).



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