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In Case You Missed It:

[Ohio High Court Weighs Caps on Damages in Child Rape Cases; Associated Press, March 30, 2022](#)

[Millions of Dollars in Rental Assistance Money Still Available; Court News Ohio, April 4, 2022](#)

The Ohio Judicial Conference is dedicated to serving all Ohio judges. The Judicial Conference is the voice of the judiciary & a primary resource to ensure the fair, unbiased, open & effective administration of justice.

Legislative News: Two-Week Review

- **HJR 2** (Reps. LaRe, Swearingen) **Bail and Public Safety**, introduced 3.28.22. The joint resolution seeks to change the Sec. 5(b), Article IV of the Ohio Constitution to add “public safety” to the factors considered when setting bond. Language placing the establishment of procedures for conditions and amount of bail under the purview of the Supreme Court is removed. A companion resolution, SJR 5, was introduced by Sen. Gavarone on 3.29.22.
- **HB 276** (Reps. Powell, Schmidt) **Prohibit Prostitution Proceeds**, voted out of the House, 3.30.22. To prohibit a person from receiving proceeds of prostitution.
- **HB 286** (Rep. Seitz) **Agency Order Appeals**, voted out of the House, 3.30.22. To generally change the venue in which appeal from an agency order is proper to the local court of common pleas, to provide that a civil action to challenge a state administrative order issued in a state of emergency be brought in the Court of Claims, and to revise the law governing claim preclusion in zoning appeals.
- **SB 288** (Sen. Manning) **Criminal Justice Omnibus**, amended 4.5.22. The amendments clarify that the release provisions pertaining to public emergencies only apply to public health or pandemic-related emergencies, and adds a 5-year waiting period for eligibility to seal M1 DV charges.
- **SB 25** (Sen. Gavarone) **Penalty Increases and New Offense**, passed by House, and Senate concurrence, 4.6.2022.. The bill increases penalties for drug offenses committed near treatment centers or recovering addicts. It also creates a new offense, “defrauding an alcohol, drug, or urine screening test,” that pertains to the use of synthetic urine, a urine additive, or another person’s urine to defraud such a test.
- **HB 607** (Reps. LaRe, Swearingen) **Bail and Public Safety**, introduced 3.28.22. The bill would change the statute to add public safety as a factor that is considered when setting bond and explicitly states the legislature’s intent to supersede the decision in *DuBose v. McGuffey*.
- **HB 612** (Rep. Patton) **Juvenile Court Employees**, introduced 3.30.22. The bill gives collective bargaining rights to all employees of a juvenile court who do not perform a judicial function.
- **HB 613** (Rep. Ginter) **East Liverpool Municipal Court**, introduced 3.31.22. The bill abolishes the municipal court in East Liverpool, with those cases to be heard instead by the Columbiana County Municipal Court.
- **SAVE THE DATE: Law Day at the Statehouse** is scheduled for 5.10.22 and is being organized by the OSBA, the OJC, and the Ohio Access to Justice Foundation. The day includes a CLE about Separation of Powers, featuring state legislators, Ohio Supreme Court Justices, and the Ohio Attorney General. The day concludes with a Bench-Bar Legislative Reception in the Statehouse Rotunda. For more information or if you would like to register to attend, email [us](#).
- **SAVE THE DATE:** the once annual **Judicial-Legislative Exchange** is back! We encourage all judges to participate on 5.18.22, but would especially like new judges to take part. To sign up, email [us](#).

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