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In Case You Missed It:

[Faced with the Loss of Her Twin Boys, She Asked for a Lawyer and was Refused. Her Case Changed the Law in Ohio; Washington Post, April 11, 2021](#)

[Ohio Democrats Unveil Gun Proposals; Associated Press, April 21, 2021](#)

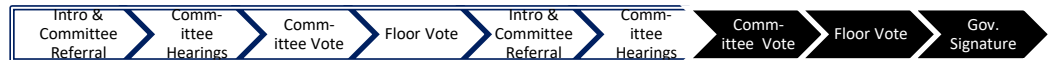
[The Ohio Black Judges Association Held its Inaugural Meeting; News5 Cleveland, April 27, 2021](#)

[Ohio Public Health Orders](#)

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Legislative News: Two-Week Review

- **HB 8** (Reps. Plummer, West) **Custodial Interrogations**, passed by the House, 4.15.21. The bill requires recording of all statements made by a suspect during a custodial interrogation in confinement, if the person is charged with murder, aggravated murder, voluntary or involuntary manslaughter, aggravated vehicular homicide, rape, attempted rape, or sexual battery. An unrecorded statement can be used as evidence at trial, but the court must provide a cautionary jury instruction. The bill was amended to include changes to the recently-enacted provisions pertaining to restraint of pregnant and post-partum women ([HB 1](#)).
- **HB 110** (Rep. Oelslager) **Operating Budget**, voted out of the House, 4.21.21. The bill currently contains provisions concerning automatic sealing of records associated with a Governor's unconditional pardon, IDAT fund use for specialized dockets, and **mandatory statewide T-CAP**.



- **SB 158** (Sens. Craig, Kunze) **Eviction Record Expungement**, introduced 4.13.21. The bill allows for the expungement of a record of eviction upon a motion of a tenant, resident, landlord, or sua sponte. If the motion to expunge is made 3 or more years after the eviction, there is a rebuttable presumption in favor of expungement; if the motion to expunge is made 7 years after eviction, the expungement must be granted unless the landlord provides information to the contrary.
- **SB 164** (Sens. Hottinger, Yuko) **Animal Cruelty**, introduced 4.15.21. The bill makes animal cruelty an offense of violence, as defined under Sec. 2901.01.
- **HB 256** (Reps. Lepore-Hagan, Sobecki) **Crime Victim Termination of Rental Agreement**, introduced 4.14.21. The bill allows a tenant to terminate a rental agreement if the tenant is a victim of rape, attempted rape, domestic violence, dating violence, abuse, or a sexually-oriented crime. The bill authorizes an income tax credit for landlords whose tenants that eventually terminated leases.
- **HB 257** (Reps. Russo, Smith) **Extreme Risk Protection Order**, introduced 4.14.21. The bill allows family members, household members, and law enforcement officers to obtain a court order that temporarily restricts a person's access to firearms if that person poses a danger to self or others.
- **HB 266** (Reps. Galonski, Miranda) **Sexual Assault**, introduced 4.21.21. The bill eliminates the statute of limitations for criminal prosecution for rape and for a civil action brought by a victim of conduct that would constitute rape; it extends the statute of limitations for a civil action by a victim of childhood sexual abuse other than rape; and it eliminates the spousal exception for rape.
- ODR has extended its **deadline for T-CAP** applicants. The deadline was 4.19.21 and is extended until 5.17.21. More information is available on their [website](#).
- The Ohio Jury Instructions Committee has prepared [new jury instructions](#) to reflect the legislative amendment to R.C. 2901.05 and R.C. 2901.09 by H.B. 175, referred to as "**stand your ground.**"

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



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