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In Case You Missed It:

[ABA Commission on the American Jury Project Revisions its Principles for Juries and Jury Trials, with Focus on Juror Safety and Well-Being](#)

[Ohio Votes to Legalize Adult-Use Recreational Marijuana, the 24th State To Do So](#)

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Legislative News: Two-Week Review

- [HB 295](#) (Rep. Demetriou) **Online Pornography**, introduced 10.10.23. The bill requires pornographic websites to verify a user's age as at least 18, a violation of which is an F3. The bill makes hosting deepfake videos that superimpose a person's image over a pornographic scene online a felony. It also creates a private right of action for each of the two new violations. A juvenile using false identification to gain access to online pornography is an M4.
- [HB 314](#) (Reps. Bird, Williams) **County Transfer of Juvenile Cases**, introduced 10.30.23. The bill repeals ORC 2151.271 to remove the option for the juvenile court to transfer a proceeding against a juvenile to the county where the juvenile resides.
- [HB 322](#) (Reps. Abrams, Seitz) **Sex Offenses**, introduced 11.8.23. The bill imposes a civil penalty, rather than a criminal penalty, on a person who fails to register with the childhood sexual abuse civil registry; it eliminates the residence restrictions on such person; and it creates the new offense of grooming (M2 – F3).
- [HB 323](#) (Rep. McNally) **Park District Boards**, introduced 11.8.23. The bill creates a procedure and requirements for a probate judge to appoint the members of a park board for a park district that was a township park district created before 1892 and converted into a park district per R.C. 1545.041 before 1989.
- In [State ex rel. Repp v. Best](#) (Slip Opinion No. 2023-Ohio-3924), decided on 11.2.23, the Ohio Supreme Court decided that a judicial seat can properly be declared vacant by city council and an election for a replacement can proceed.
- In [State v. Daniel](#) (Slip Opinion No. 2023-Ohio-4035), decided on 11.9.23, the court rejected a challenge to a law that imposes a lifetime registration requirement for arson offenders and found the mechanism for reducing a registration obligation constitutional.
- The Office of the Ohio Public Defender will begin offering a voluntary monthly virtual meeting, the **Reimbursement FAQ and Update Hour**, for anyone across the state who works with indigent defense reimbursement. Learn [more](#).
- Effective 12.31.23, Tim Young will be stepping down as the State Public Defender. The Ohio Public Defender Commission appointed Elizabeth Miller as the **next State Public Defender**.
- JCARR is currently reviewing Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction amendments to rules on: [determination of minimum, maximum and definite sentences when multiple sentences are imposed](#); [determination of stated prison terms and life sentences when multiple terms or sentences are imposed](#); [determination of multiple sentences](#); [reduction of minimum and maximum or definite sentence or stated prison term for jail time credit](#); [time off for good behavior](#); [days of credit for maintaining minimum security](#); and rescinding the current rule on [requests for 80% court release](#). JCARR is also reviewing ODRC amendments to rules on [life sentences](#); [calculation of good time for inmates admitted before 1987](#); [risk reduction sentences](#); and [administrative release](#).

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



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