



ENACTMENT SUMMARY

House Bill 111 **Domestic violence penalty increases** Effective March 20, 2025

On December 19, 2024, Governor DeWine signed into law House Bill 111 (Rep. LaRe and Rep. K. Miller), which modifies the penalties for certain domestic violence offenses.

Presumption for prison

The bill establishes a presumption of a term of imprisonment for an F3 offense of domestic violence (a violation of R.C. 2919.25 (A) or (B) when the offender has two or more previous offenses of domestic violence). The bill also clarifies that, in this scenario, if the offender knew that the victim was pregnant, the offense is an F3 (which, under prior law and unchanged by the bill, carries a mandatory prison term).

Sentencing ranges for DV

The bill modifies the sentencing ranges for F3 domestic violence offenses as follows:

- For F3 domestic violence: a prison term of 12, 18, 24, 30, 36, 42, 48, 54, or 60 months
- F3 domestic violence when the offender knows that the victim was pregnant at the time of the offense: a mandatory prison term of 12 months (increased from 6 months under prior law), or one of the terms listed in the bullet point above.
- F3 domestic violence when the offender knows the victim was pregnant AND causes serious physical harm to the unborn or causes the termination of the pregnancy: a mandatory prison term of 18 months (increased from 12 months under prior law) or one of the terms listed in the first bullet point above.

The bill passed the Ohio House of Representatives by a vote of 90-0 on December 13, 2023 and the Ohio Senate by a vote of 29-0 on December 4, 2024. It was signed into law on December 19, 2024 and becomes effective on March 20, 2025.