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Legislative Update

Below is a list of legislation the Ohio Latino Affairs Commission is tracking. We encourage you to become familiar with these proposals, as they are sure to affect Ohio's Latino community. To read a complete list of tracked legislation, [click here](#).

Education and Workforce Development

[House Bill 383](#) - Introduced by Representatives Christina Hagan and Robert McColley, HB 383 would require Ohio high schools to incorporate one-half unit of economic and financial literacy into their curriculum. Additionally the Chancellor of Higher Education would be required to prepare an informed student document for each state institution of higher education, explaining to students and parents alike how to find data for issues like job demand, average student debt load, and average loan repayment rates. The bill aims to make young adults more knowledgeable about current economic issues, as well as prepare them to make informed financial decisions regarding college enrollment and student loans. HB 383 was referred to the House Education Committee on November 16th.

Business, Commerce and Labor

[Senate Bill 249](#) - SB 249, introduced by Senator Tom Patton, would amend the Ohio Revised Code to require the licensing of all commercial roofing contractors. The licensing board would consist of five members, one of whom will be a building inspector employed by either the department of commerce or a municipal corporation,

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[Fill-in state superintendent will be Lonny Rivera, former head of Oregon school district](#)

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Upcoming Events:

Free Flu Shots at
Helping Hands Health
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OSHA 10 Construction
course, Cleveland -
January 11 & 12

two roofing contractors *without* union affiliation, and two roofing contractors *with* established union agreements. SB 249 was referred to the Senate's Transportation, Commerce and Labor Committee on December 9th.

Health and Safety

[House Bill 407](#) - Introduced by Representatives Kevin Boyce and Cheryl Grossman, HB 407 would require law enforcement agencies that use body cameras to adopt written policies regarding their operation, and to make those written policies available to the public. In a joint memo released in October, Reps. Boyce and Grossman argue the importance of transparent policies, stating that "trust between law enforcement and the people they serve and protect is critical to not only the stability of our communities but also the integrity of our criminal justice system." HB 407 would not mandate the use of body cameras by law enforcement agencies, however it would establish a legal framework for their usage if a statewide mandate comes in the future. As of December 11th, HB 407 has not yet been assigned to a committee.

Related Articles:

[Fox 8 Cleveland - Ohio bill would require police body camera rules made public](#)

Immigration, Justice and Civil Rights

[House Bill 347](#) -- Introduced by Representatives Thomas Brinkman and Rob McColley, HB 347 would eliminate civil asset forfeiture under Ohio law and allow forfeiture under criminal proceedings only if a defendant is convicted. Proponents say the legislation is necessary to prevent the government from taking people's property before they've been convicted of a crime. Opponents say there is no precedent or need for the legislation, and that the bill is "a solution looking for a program." The House Judiciary Committee has held multiple hearings on the bill, but has yet to vote it out of

Human Trafficking
Awareness Day, Ohio
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Breakfast, Columbus -
January 18

Educational
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