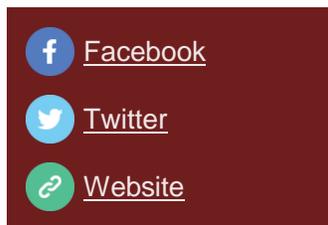


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Legislative Update

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](#).

News Impacting the Community

La Prensa
[Ohio Secretary of State has announced February 2016 as Minority Owned Businesses Month for Ohio Business Profile](#)

La Prensa
[FLOC Leader: Economy Falters without Undocumented Workers](#)

Columbus Dispatch
[Kasich signs Ohio bill to cut Planned Parenthood funding](#)

Dayton Daily News
[Ohio proposal expands religious expression in public schools](#)

Vocero Latino
[Tri-C Offers Free Tax](#)

S.B. 280 - Cesar E. Chavez Day in Ohio

[Senate Bill 280](#)- The Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs is proud to have partnered with Senator Charleta Tavares to initiate legislation that would formally recognize March 31st as Cesar Chavez Day in Ohio each year. Cesar Chavez is the most recognized Latino civil rights leader in the United States, and dedicated his life to improving the wages and working conditions for farm workers across America. Ohio is home to 43,250 migrant or seasonal farm workers that have helped make food production and agriculture the leading industries in Ohio. OCHLA is a strong proponent of this bill and will continue to advocate for its passage. SB 280 has been referred to the Senate Government Oversight and Reform Committee where it awaits a hearing.

[Click here to view our Cesar E. Chavez Day Resolution](#)

S.B. 272 - Special Parole Eligibility for Minors

[Senate Bill 272](#) - Introduced by Senators Cecil Thomas and John Eklund, HB 272 would provide special parole eligibility dates for

[Preparation Services](#)

Columbus Dispatch
[Bill making cockfighting a felony passes House](#)

FDA
[La FDA advierte a los consumidores no usar la "Crema Piel de Seda" de Viansilk](#)



Upcoming Events:

Who's Who in Latino
Columbus- March 2

Nuestra Gente Lupus
Group Meeting, Toledo -
March 2

Citizenship Clinic,
Dayton - March 5

2016 Ohio Latino
Education Summit,
Toledo - March 11

LULAC Ohio State
Convention 2016,
Northern Kentucky
University - April 16

individuals serving an indefinite or life sentence for a crime they committed as a minor. Under the legislation, an inmate who was a minor at the time of the offense would be eligible for parole at age forty if they are serving a sentence of life without parole.

Inmates with prison term totals of at least 15 years would also be eligible for parole after serving fifteen years, again, provided that they were a minor at the time of the offense(s). According to Senator Thomas, the Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission has approved the bipartisan bill, which has been thoroughly vetted by the participating prosecutors, defense attorneys, judges and representatives from the Depts. of Rehab and Corrections and Youth Services. SB 272 has been referred to the Senate Government Oversight and Reform Committee.

S.B. 274 - SmartOhio Financial Literacy Pilot Program

[Senate Bill 274](#) - Introduced by Senator Bill Seitz, SB 274 would require the Chancellor of Higher Education to create the SmartOhio Financial Literacy Pilot Program at the University of Cincinnati (UC) with the goal of increasing financial literacy for students in grades kindergarten through eight. The regional program would be operated by UC and delivered through a joint partnership between the Ohio Council on Economic Education and OSU Extension. The partnership would develop curricula and instructional materials that: (a) Provide age-appropriate education to students in grades kindergarten through eight to promote financial literacy at an early age; (b) Enable students to develop the skills necessary to develop and maintain a budget, understand credit and investments, and use the banking system; (c) Integrate financial literacy education into the existing curriculum on mathematics and English language arts.

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