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Legislative Update

The Ohio Latino Affairs Commission tracks a variety of legislation that could affect Ohio's Latino community. Below are a few legislative bills that may be of interest to you. For a complete list of tracked legislation, [click here](#).

News Impacting the Community

La Prensa

[Dover Schools Sued Over Alleged Mistreatment of Latino Students](#)

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[Cleveland Spanish American Committee - Serving with Love](#)

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[Ohio Latino Affairs Commission and Community Organizations to Kick-Off '2016 Ohio Latino Vote Campaign'](#)

Dayton Daily News

["Undocumented" uproar: What does the law say about students?](#)

Senate Bill 332 - Implement Infant Mortality Prevention Recommendations

Senate Bill 332 was introduced in the Ohio Senate on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 by Senators Shannon Jones (R-Springboro) and Charleta B. Tavares (D-Columbus). SB 332 primarily works to implement the recommendations made by the Commission on Infant Mortality in its March 2016 report, except the recommendations related to tobacco taxes and the minimum purchase age for tobacco products. Some of the recommendations include making statistics on infant mortality available to local infant mortality reduction initiative organizations and grant recipients, providing training for hospital and freestanding birthing center staff, as well as funeral service workers, on their responsibilities under the vital statistics law, and providing annual safe sleep training at no cost to parents and infant caregivers who reside in infant mortality hot spots. On Wednesday, May 17, 2016, SB 332 was referred to the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, where it awaits a hearing.

Columbus Dispatch
[Gov. Kasich signs Ohio's medical marijuana bill into law](#)



Upcoming Events

SBA Loan Seminar
Cleveland - June 16

2016 Employment Expo
Columbus - June 22

Ohio Medical
Interpreting Conference
Columbus - June 25

Toledo Mud Hens Latino
Heritage Night
Toledo - July 31

Festival Latino
*Columbus - August 13
& 14*

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Did you miss a Legislative

[House Bill 493 - Child Abuse Reporting Changes](#)

On Monday, March 21, 2016, Representatives Barbara R. Sears (R-Monclova Twp.) and Scott Ryan (R-Granville Twp.) introduced House Bill 493 in the Ohio House. HB 493 makes changes to Ohio's child abuse and neglect reporting law, specifically reporting and other related actions by health care professionals. For example, HB 493 broadens reporting requirements to include all health care professionals, but permits a single report when two or more health care professionals determine or suspect child abuse or neglect. HB 493 also expands the type of medical examinations and tests permitted to be performed on the child for purposes of diagnosing or treating the injuries related to the abuse or neglect. On Wednesday, May 25, 2016, the Ohio House passed HB 493 on a 92-5 vote. Thereafter, on Wednesday, June 1, 2016, HB 493 was introduced in the Senate.

[House Bill 580 - Ohio Health Awareness Month: November](#)

Representatives Terry Johnson (R-McDermott) and Stephen A. Huffman (R-Tipp City) introduced house bill 580 on Tuesday, May 31, 2016. HB 580 seeks to designate the month of November as "One Health Awareness Month" in the state of Ohio. The purpose of the designation is to increase public awareness and understanding of the connections between human, animal, and ecosystem health. Currently there are no hearings scheduled for HB 580.

Special Note: The Ohio Legislature has recessed for the summer and the Legislature will not reconvene until after the 2016

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