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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 74](#)- Introduced by Rep. Andrew Brenner (R-Powell), HB 74 would eliminate the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) end-of-course exams in language arts and geometry. The bill also limits testing time for the state's primary and secondary education assessments and prohibits the Ohio Department of Education from requiring districts to use computer-based assessments. Among numerous other provisions, the legislation addresses teacher evaluations, report cards and Advanced Placement exams. Yesterday, HB 74 cleared the House by a vote of 92-1. The bill now heads to the Senate where it will be referred to a standing committee for further review.

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[Senate Bill 152](#) - Introduced by Sen. Joe Uecker (R-Miami Township), SB 152 would prohibit state or local governments from requiring contractors to hire a certain number of local residents for construction projects. Similar language was removed in the state's transportation budget, as a number of legislators argued that residency requirements strengthen the state's commitment to local Ohio workers over out-of-state businesses. The bill's sponsor says that residency requirements reduce competition and increase project costs as fewer contractors are able to bid on projects due to unknown labor expenses. Companion legislation was introduced in the House by Rep. Ron Maag (R-Lebanon). This legislation has been referred to the Senate Government Oversight and Reform Committee where it awaits a hearing.

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Health and Safety

[House Bill 48](#) - Introduced by Rep. Ron Maag (R-Lebanon), HB 48 would allow individuals to carry concealed handguns in churches, daycare centers, private aircraft, government buildings and publicly accessible areas of police stations. Colleges would also be given the choice of allowing concealed handguns on campus. The House State Government Committee has held two hearings on the proposed legislation. One college student in favor of the measure, testified that while she feels safe on campus, carrying a gun would give her an extra sense of security. Meanwhile, a representative of the Fraternal Order of Police spoke in opposition to the measure, specifically as it relates to "victim zones" in police stations. The State Government Committee is in the process of gathering both proponent and opponent testimony.



Upcoming Events:

Building
Intergenerational
Communities in the
Workplace, Columbus
- May 15

Teen Summit, Cincinnati
- May 16

4th Annual Dress Shoes
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18

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May 19

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Cuyahoga County
Community Agency
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Cleveland Plain Dealer -- [Concealed handguns would be allowed in churches, day cares, airports, under Ohio House bill whose fate is uncertain](#)

Immigration, Justice and Civil Rights

[Senate Bill 13](#) -- Introduced by Senators Shannon Jones (R-Springboro) and Jim Hughes (R-Clintonville), SB 13 would extend the statute of limitations in sexual assault and rape cases when a DNA match has been made. Under the legislation, prosecutors would have an extra five extra years to file rape charges, regardless of when the crime took place. The proposal was introduced this year because of a large backlog of rape kits in Ohio that have not been processed. Of the rape kits that have been tested, 35 percent of them have matched records in the national DNA database. This measure cleared the Senate on March 18 by a vote of 32-1. The House Judiciary Committee has held two hearings on the proposal and will likely have more.

Related Article:

Washington Post -- [Ohio leads the way on breaking through the rape kit backlog](#)

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