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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 308](#) - Introduced by Representatives Mike Duffey and Michael Stinziano, HB 308 would exempt college textbooks purchased by post-secondary students from sales and use taxes. In order to be eligible for the exemption, a student must be enrolled part-time or full-time at an institution of higher education. The bill would require students to provide verifying information, like student identification cards, a list of textbooks for the courses offered by the institution, or written proof of the student's enrollment in the course . HB 308 was introduced on August 31st, and received its first hearing this week. In his sponsor testimony, Rep. Duffey said the legislation "is an important step in lowering the increasingly high cost of attending college in this state, thus helping to make college more affordable for all students and families in Ohio."

### **Business, Commerce and Labor**

[House Bill 296](#) - Introduced by Representative Ron Young, HB 296 provides that no business is required to participate in the marriage

[Young Hispanic leaders get recognized by OCHLA and Crain's](#)

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[State to spend \\$2 million to combat sex assaults on campuses](#)

Columbus Dispatch  
[State board of education votes to keep records from Yost](#)



### Upcoming Events:

1st Annual Latino Mental Health Forum, Toledo - October 23

Latino Film Festival, Columbus - October 24 & 25

LASER Symposium - Advancements in Hispanic Educational Attainment, University of Akron - October 26

Ohio Diversity and Leadership Conference, Columbus - October 29

ceremony of a same sex couple if participation violates the business's right of conscience or freedom of religion. In the context of the bill, business participation is defined as providing goods and services. If it passes, HB 296 would protect objecting businesses from any civil or criminal action brought forth by the offended parties. HB 296 has been referred to the Community and Family Advancement committee where it awaits a hearing.

#### Related Article:

*FOX 19 Now* -- [Ohio House Bill would allow businesses to deny marriage services to same-sex couples](#)

## Health and Safety

[Senate Bill 214](#)- Introduced by Senate President Keith Faber, SB 214 seeks to defund Planned Parenthood by requiring the Ohio Department of Health to ensure that state funds are neither used to promote or perform non-therapeutic abortions, nor contract or affiliate with any entity that performs or promotes them. A non-therapeutic abortion is one "performed or induced when the life of the mother would not be endangered if the fetus were carried to term, or when the pregnancy of the mother was not the result of rape or incest reported to a law enforcement agency." The legislation passed out of committee this week, where it will soon head to the Senate floor for full consideration.

#### Related Articles:

*Cleveland Plain Dealer* -[Ohio Senate plans to block state, federal funding from Planned Parenthood](#)

*Columbus Dispatch* - [Senate approves bill defunding Planned Parenthood](#)

## Immigration, Justice and Civil Rights

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2015 Ohio TESOL  
Conference, Columbus -  
October 30 & 31

Bridge Builders Forum,  
Ohio State University -  
October 31

Are You Covered? Free  
In-Person Help,  
Columbus - November 1

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complete list of events.](#)

[House Bill 193](#) -- Introduced by Rep. Kathleen Clyde, HB 193 aims to address issues of confidentiality for victims of certain personal crimes. HB 193 would create an address confidentiality program for victims of domestic violence, menacing by stalking, human trafficking, rape, and sexual battery. This bill would allow victims to petition the Secretary of State not to disclose an address or addresses that could endanger the applicant if they remain publicly available. This is the third time Rep. Clyde has introduced the address confidentiality bill, which has been referred to the Government Accountability and Oversight Committee. Similar legislation was introduced in the Senate by Senators Peggy Lehner and Sandra Williams.

*Dayton Daily News* -[Bill provides confidential address for violence victims](#)

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