



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

Associated Press
[Husted hints that he might want to run for governor](#)

Cleveland Plain Dealer
[\\$60 million state contract awarded to ethics violator's company draws scrutiny](#)

Columbus Dispatch
[Number of abortions in Ohio hit 38-year low](#)

Columbus Dispatch
[Kasich finds new support on swing through N.H.](#)

Dayton Daily News
[Interest in McKinley sites in Ohio up since mountain controversy](#)

Columbus Dispatch
[Editorial: Use-of-force rule](#)

Education and Workforce Development

[House Bill 281](#) - Introduced by Representative John Rogers, House Bill 281 seeks to allow recent college graduates to claim income tax deductions on qualifying higher education expenses. As defined under the proposed amendment, qualifying higher education expenses includes student tuition, fees, books, supplies, and any equipment needed for attendance. Additionally, any room and board expenses incurred by a student that is carrying at least half of the normal, full-time academic workload are tax deductible. HB 281, which was introduced on July 7th, has not yet been referred to a committee.

Business, Commerce and Labor

[Senate Bill 87](#) - Introduced by Senator Charleta Tavares, Senate Bill 87 would require that all domestic workers be paid a minimum wage, while also requiring workers to receive at least one weekly day of rest, and increased wages for overtime work. Additionally, SB 87 would outlaw discriminatory workplace practices, including unwelcome sexual advances and harassment based on race, religion, sex, or national origin. After being introduced on February 26th, SB 87 was referred to the Committee on Transportation, Commerce and Labor on March 4th.

[draws a clear line](#)

Cleveland Plain Dealer
[Minimum wage hike? John Kasich keeps an open mind on the campaign trail: Ohio Politics Roundup](#)



Upcoming Events:

MACC 12th Annual
Conference, Columbus -
September 3 & 4

Ohio Wellness Webinar -
September 9

In the Company of
Woman: A Lunch to
Support Women
Entrepreneurs,
Columbus - September
10

Human Trafficking &
Social Justice
Conference, Toledo -
September 10 & 11

Creative Control Fest,
Columbus - September
11 & 12

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Health and Safety

[Senate Bill 127](#) - Senators Peggy Lehner and Jay Hottinger introduced Senate Bill 127 on March 16th in an effort to prohibit the performance of an abortion after 20 weeks of gestation. If passed, SB 127 would make the performance of an abortion after the 20-week mark a fourth-degree felony, and would grant both the mother and the father of the unborn child the right to take civil action against the performing party. Supporters of the bill argue for its necessity by citing medical evidence that a 20 week old child is capable of experiencing pain. Opponents claim that abortions performed after the 20-week mark are exceedingly rare, and that they are usually reserved for women facing serious health complications if the pregnancy is allowed to continue. The bill passed the Senate by a vote of 23-9 on June 24th, and is currently awaiting House consideration.

Related Articles:

The Toledo Blade -- [State Senate advances bill that prohibits most abortions after 20-week threshold](#)

Cleveland Plain Dealer -- [Ohio Senate votes along party lines to ban abortions in Ohio after 20 week mark](#)

The Akron Legal News -- [Legislation would ban abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy](#)

Immigration, Justice and Civil Rights

[House Bill 268](#) -- Introduced by Representatives David Hall and Jonathan Dever, House Bill 268 aims to expand the list of human trafficking convictions that may be expunged. More specifically, any offense related to drugs, sex, or theft may be expunged from an individual's record, if that individual committed the offense or offenses while a victim of human trafficking. HB 268 would also increase the penalties for compelling and promoting prostitution, while simultaneously authorizing intervention in lieu of conviction for individuals charged with committing a crime while a victim of

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compelling prostitution. HB 268 was introduced on June 22nd, and has yet to be assigned to a House Committee.

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