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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 could affect Ohio's Latino community. To read a complete list of tracked legislation, [click here](#).

### **Senate Bill 180 - Self-Defense Laws**

[SB 180](#) shifts the burden of proof for the affirmative defense of self-defense to the prosecution. Current law allows individuals to claim self-defense as an explanation for their actions, but defendants must prove they acted in self-defense. The bill also includes a Stand Your Ground provision, which eliminates the duty of an individual to retreat before using force in self-defense if the person is in a place where they legally have the right to be. The proposal would also eliminate the requirement that locations post signs warning that guns are prohibited in the establishment. Five Republican senators have signed onto the legislation, which received its first committee hearing last week.

#### **Related Articles:**

WKYC - [Ohio self defense gun law could change under Republican proposal](#)

WFMJ-- [Ohio lawmakers debate Stand Your Ground law](#)

### **Senate Bill 197 - Bullying Laws**

[SB 197](#) would make aggravated bullying a misdemeanor of the third

Dayton Daily News  
[Central State University wants marijuana lab license](#)

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**Hispanic Heritage Month  
Upcoming Events:**

ECHHO College Fair,  
Youngstown - Sept. 28

LULAC Cincinnati  
Awards Gala - Sept. 29

Sofia Quintero Pig  
Roast, Toledo - Sept. 29

Hispanic Fiesta,  
Cincinnati - October 1

Hispanic Heritage Night,  
Painesville - October 11

2nd Latino Night,  
Whitehall Schools -  
October 11

Sarita Brown Event,  
Akron - October 12

Distinguished Hispanic  
Ohioan Awards Gala,  
Columbus - October 14

Hispanic Heritage  
Celebration, Youngstown  
- October 14

degree. The legislation sets a disciplinary procedure that includes a tiered series of consequences for the bullying, harassment or intimidation violation as follows: 1st Violation - Warning, 2nd Violation - Peer Mediation, 3rd Violation - Parent Meeting, 4th Violation - In-School Suspension, 5th Violation - Out-of-School Suspension, 6th Violation - District to refer matter to the appropriate prosecuting attorney for prosecution of the matter as a misdemeanor of the third degree. Two Democratic sponsors have signed onto the bill, which has not yet been referred to a standing committee.

***House Bill 339 - Construction Contractors  
Licensure***

[HB 339](#) would require the licensure of residential construction contractors. Individuals could obtain a universal license or residential-only license, and would be required to take continuing education courses to maintain their license. Republican Representatives Christina Hagan and Tim Schaffer introduced the bill last week, which was referred to the Economic Development, Commerce and Labor Committee.

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