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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](#).

News Impacting the Community

La Prensa

[Toledo History Museum hosts forum on Moses Fleetwood Walker and Negro Leagues Baseball](#)

La Prensa

[Students traveling to aid post-hurricane Puerto Rico](#)

Columbus Dispatch

[Local students join nationwide protests against school violence](#)

La Jornada Latina

[Apelan ley de abortos relacionados a síndrome de Down](#)

The Enquirer

[Anthem insurance might not pay for ER visits in Ohio and Kentucky](#)

Senate Bill 260 - Assault Weapons

Introduced on February 20th by Senators Michael J. Skindell of Lakewood and Charleta B. Tavares of Columbus, [SB 260](#) would prohibit a person from knowingly possessing or acquiring an assault weapon and to require the Attorney General to prepare for the establishment of a firearm and ammunition transactions database.

Related Articles:

WOSU -- [Ohio Democrats Try Again To Propose Assault Weapons Ban](#)

House Bill 493 - Minority Business Enterprises

Introduced earlier this month by Representative Anne Gonzales of Westerville, [HB 493](#) seeks to authorize the Director of Administrative Services, upon approval of the Attorney General, to enter into reciprocal agreements with other states that have a business assistance program substantially similar to Ohio's Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) Program and Encouraging Diversity, Growth, and Equity (EDGE) Program.

Dayton Daily News
[Turmoil embroils US Latino group amid leader's Trump backing](#)

Toledo Blade
[Lucas County commissioners pass support for DACA](#)



Upcoming Events:

Access to Capital Info Series, Dayton- [Feb 23](#)

Women in Leadership Symposiums
[Cincinnati- March 1](#)
[Toledo- March 6](#)
[Akron-Canton- March 8](#)
[Dayton- March 14](#)
[Columbus- March 15](#)
[Cleveland- March 27](#)

Human Trafficking Awareness Day Youth Prevention Summit, Columbus- [March 22](#)

Wright State International Festival, Dayton- March 24

Hispanic Legislative Visit Day, Columbus- [April 11](#)

Senate Bill 249 - Terminal Conditions

Introduced last month by Senator Charleta B. Tavares of Columbus, [SB 249](#) would authorize an individual with a terminal condition and the capacity to make medical decisions to request a prescription for an aid-in-dying medication. The legislation puts forth a variety of conditions that must be met in order to ensure that the patient is in control of the process, including a terminal diagnosis by the attending physician, two oral requests and a written request by the patient, and the absence of any coercion or undue influence.

Related Articles:

The Ohio Senate -- [Senator Tavares Announces Death With Dignity Bill](#)

House Bill 492- State Procurement

Introduced earlier this month by Representative Anne Gonzales of Westerville, [HB 492](#) aims to establish the women-owned business enterprise program requiring state agencies to establish women-owned business procurement goals. The legislation defines "women-owned business enterprise" as "any individual, partnership, corporation, or joint venture of any kind that is owned and controlled by women who are United States citizens and residents of this state or of a reciprocal state", and outlines goals for such businesses.

Latino Behavioral Health
Conference, Fremont -
[April 27](#)

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complete list of events.

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