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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 246 - The SAFE (Supporting Alternatives for Fair Education) Act

Introduced by Senators Peggy Lehner of Kettering and Gayle Manning of North Ridgeville, [SB 246](#) would prohibit certain suspensions and expulsions of students in PreK-3rd grade, and would require each public school to implement a positive behavior intervention in accordance with state standards. Among other provisions, the bill would require schools to report out-of-school suspension and expulsion data to ODE, assist the disciplined student's parent or guardian with finding mental health services when a need is identified, and permit students to complete any classroom assignments missed during a suspension. This bill was introduced with large bipartisan support.

Related Articles:

Health Policy Institute of Ohio-- [The connections between education and health Suspensions and expulsions among young children](#)

House Bill 461 - Human Trafficking

Introduced by Representatives Teresa Fedor of Toledo and Tavia Galonski of Akron, [HB 461](#) seeks to strengthen the 2012 [Safe Harbour Act](#) by requiring a juvenile court to hold a delinquency complaint in abeyance if the court has reason to believe that the act

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charged might be prostitution related or that the child might be a victim of human trafficking. The bill also provides that the same elements for the offense of trafficking in persons that apply to a victim under the age of sixteen also apply to a victim who is age sixteen or seventeen.

Senate Bill 243 - Medicaid Copayments

Introduced last month by Senator Matt Dolan of Chagrin Falls and referred to the Health, Human Services & Medicaid Committee on January 17th, [SB 243](#) would revise the medicaid cost-sharing process to prevent the Department of Medicaid from requiring copayments from some low-income individuals who have a developmental disability or serious mental illness. This bill would allow medicaid recipients whose sole source of income is social security disability insurance and/or Supplemental security income benefits to present a benefit verification letter to a medicaid provider and be exempted from copayment.

House Bill 468- Military Leave

Introduced on January 17th by Representatives Rick Perales of Beavercreek and Jenine R. Boyd of Cleveland Heights, [HB 468](#) aims to grant state employees paid leave for the purpose of attending medical examinations and appointments provided through the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. This bill would require employers to grant their permanent, full-time, veteran employees up to 96 hours hours of paid leave each year, provided that they give employers reasonable notice as well as proof that their leave was used to attend a medical appointment at the VA.

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