

## Ohio Latino Affairs Commission – Public Policy Center

### Legislative Updates 2015 – 2016

#### Legislative Update - December 14th, 2016

Featuring the following bills:

- **HB 493** - To ban abortions after a fetal heartbeat is detected.
- **SB 127** - To ban abortions after 20 weeks gestation.
- **SB 199** - To allow permit holders to carry concealed firearms at airport terminals, college campuses and daycare centers with permission from a school's board of trustees or daycare operator.
- **HB 463** - To mandate that health insurers provide coverage for children with autism, while weakening Ohio's housing discrimination laws.

#### Election Update - November 16th, 2016

Featuring election highlights from around the nation.

- Record number of Latinos elected to Congress
- First Latina elected to U.S. Senate
- First Latina elected as Judge in Ohio
- OCHLA hosts voter hotline for Spanish speakers

#### Community Update - October 12th, 2016

Featuring Information on the following initiatives.

- The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) provides states the chance to review important parts of our education system and identify ways in which our state can improve opportunities and outcomes for all Ohio students.
- The 2016 Ohio Latino Student Summit strives to connect, empower, and build community while enhancing the Latino/Hispanic student leadership experience in Ohio.
- Ohio Young Voters Coalition is a group formed by OCHLA to organize Latino students around the state who are dedicated to mobilizing the young Latino vote this election.

#### Community Update - August 18th, 2016

Featuring Information on recent rules instituted by JCARR

- The Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR) recently instituted new rules regarding the facility requirements for agricultural labor camps in Ohio. Agricultural labor camps, which are regulated by the Ohio Department of Health, are temporary living quarters that house migrant farmworkers.

#### Legislative Update - June 10, 2016

Featuring the following bills:

- **SB 332** - To provide for the implementation of recommendations made by the Commission on Infant Mortality and to make an appropriation.
- **HB 493** - To make changes in the child abuse and neglect reporting law.
- **HB 580** - To designate the month of November as "One Health Awareness Month."

#### Legislative Update - May 26th, 2016

Featuring the following bills:

- **HB 538** - To require the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to establish a training program for employees regarding the proper issuance of driver's licenses that includes training on evaluating all types of documentation necessary for issuing a license and a cultural competency component, and penalty for denying a license to an eligible applicant.
- **HB 539** - To create the office for New Americans.

- **HB 575** - To amend qualified aliens' eligibility for Medicaid, Ohio Works First, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program during their first five years in the United States.
- **SB 256** - To develop a course to train peace officers in performing their duties without biased policing or status-based profiling, and to prohibit law enforcement officers and officials from engaging in biased policing or status-based profiling with respect to motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians.

#### Community Update - May 24th, 2016

Featuring Information on the New American Forum:

- Earlier this month, the Ohio Latino Affairs Commission together with State Rep. Kevin Boyce, the City of Columbus and numerous community organizations, partnered to host Columbus' first-ever New American Forum.

#### Legislative Update - May 16th, 2016

Featuring the following bills:

- **SB 251** - To regulate the use of drones for gathering evidence and information by law enforcement officers in Ohio.
- **HB 392** - To authorize the issuance of domestic violence protection orders with respect to conduct directed at an intimate partner, to provide access to domestic violence shelters for intimate partners who are victims of domestic violence, and to require the Attorney General's victim's bill of rights pamphlet to include a notice that an intimate partner who is the victim of domestic violence has the right to petition for a civil protection order.
- **HB 537** - To make discrimination in housing or employment on the basis of sexual orientation an unlawful discriminatory practice; to provide specified protections for religious expression and beliefs about marriage, family, and sexuality; and to prohibit an elected official who solemnizes marriages from refusing to solemnize marriages of two persons who have been granted a marriage license.

#### Legislative Update - April 27th, 2016

Featuring the following bills:

- **HB 523** - To authorize use of marijuana for medical purposes and to establish the Medical Marijuana Control Program.
- **SB 310** - To make capital appropriations and changes to the law governing capital projects for the biennium ending June 30, 2018.
- **HB 514** - To require certain health care professionals to complete instruction in cultural competency.

#### Legislative Update - April 8th, 2016

Featuring the following bills:

- **HB 286** - To provide that an ordained or licensed minister or religious society is not required to allow any building or property to be used to host a marriage ceremony if the marriage does not conform to its sincerely held religious beliefs.
- **SB 204** - To make the suspension of an offender's driver's license for a violation of specified drug offenses discretionary rather than mandatory.
- **HB 511** - To provide for a 3-day sales tax "holiday" in August 2016 during which sales of clothing/school supplies are exempt from sales and use taxes.
- **SB 264** - To establish family and medical leave insurance benefits to provide paid leave to allow an individual to address one's own serious health condition, to care for a family member, or to bond with a new child and to exempt those benefits from personal income tax.

#### Legislative Update - March 21st, 2016

Featuring the following bills:

- **SB 268** - To modify Ohio civil rights laws related to employment and the statute of limitations for other specified claims against an employer.
- **HB 487** - To require the State Board of Education to establish the state Seal of Biliteracy to be attached or affixed to the high school transcripts of qualifying students.
- **SB 295** - To amend the smoking ban.
- **HB 360** - To repeal the prohibitions against including abortion coverage in insurance plans purchased through federal health insurance exchange and in those offered to public officers and employees.

### Legislative Update - February 26th, 2016

Featuring the following bills:

- **SB 280**- To designate March 31st as "Cesar E. Chavez Day" in Ohio.
- **SB 272** - To provide parole eligibility dates for persons with an indefinite/life sentence imposed for an offense committed when he/she was a minor.
- **SB 274** - To create the SmartOhio Financial Literacy Pilot Program at the University of Cincinnati to operate for the 2016-2017 school year.

### Legislative Update - January 26th, 2016

Featuring the following bills:

- **HB 394**- To make changes to Ohio's Unemployment Compensation Law, such as change the taxable wage base and remove dependency classes for unemployment compensation benefit eligibility, and other changes.
- **SB 158** - To require that eligible persons in certain government and school databases be automatically registered to vote or have their registrations updated automatically, and to create an online voter registration system.
- **HB 359** - To create an address confidentiality program for victims of domestic violence, menacing by stalking, human trafficking, trafficking in persons, rape, or sexual battery.
- **HB 380** - To require each law enforcement agency to adopt a written policy regarding the investigation of firearms-related officer-involved deaths that involve an officer serving the agency, along with several other related provisions.

### Legislative Update - December 30th, 2015

Featuring the following bills:

- **HB 189**- To revise the law concerning the identification an elector must provide in order to cast absent voter's ballots, to vote in person at a polling place, or to cast a provisional ballot.
- **HB 270** - To provide that causing the death of another person by an overdose that results from the offender's sale, distribution, dispensation, or administration of a controlled substance is a violation of the offense of involuntary manslaughter.
- **HB 298** - To require applicants for unemployment benefits to submit to a drug test under certain circumstances and to require the Director of Job and Family Services to operate an Ohio Works First drug testing pilot program.
- **SB 154** - To abolish the death penalty and to declare an emergency.

### Legislative Update - December 14th, 2015

Featuring the following bills:

- **HB 383**- To require Ohio high schools to incorporate one-half unit of economic and financial literacy into their curriculum.
- **SB 249** - To require commercial roofing contractors to have a license.
- **HB 407** - To require law enforcement agencies that use body cameras to adopt written policies for operation of the cameras and to require agencies to make the adopted policies available to the public.
- **HB 347** - To eliminate civil asset forfeiture proceedings and to modify the law governing criminal asset forfeitures.

### Legislative Update - November 18th, 2015

Featuring the following resolution and bills:

- **HCR 31**- To urge the President of the United States to halt the settlement of Syrian refugees in Ohio and the United States.
- **HB 48** - To modify the prohibition against carrying a concealed handgun onto institutions of higher education, and other certain vulnerable areas such as day-care facilities, aircraft, government facilities, airport terminals, police stations, and school safety zones.
- **HB 50** - To extend the age to which a person is eligible for federal foster care and adoption assistance payments to age twenty-one, to require that a guardian receive the Ohio Guardianship Guide, to conform to recent amendments to federal Title IV-E program requirements, and to make an appropriation.
- **HB 294** - To require the Department of Health to ensure that state funds and certain federal funds are not used either to perform or promote nontherapeutic abortions, or to contract or affiliate with any entity that performs or promotes nontherapeutic abortions.

### Legislative Update - November 5th, 2015

Featuring the following ballot initiatives:

- **Issue 1 (Passed)** - Creates a bipartisan, public process for drawing legislative updates.
- **Issue 2 (Passed)** - Prohibits proposals that would create market monopolies.
- **Issue 3 (Failed)** - Grants a monopoly for the production and sale of marijuana for recreational and medicinal purposes.

### Legislative Update - October 22nd, 2015

Featuring the following bills:

- **HB 308**- To exempt from sales and use tax textbooks purchased by post-secondary students.
- **HB 296** - To provide that a business is not required to participate in a ceremony creating a union between two persons of the same sex if such a participation violates the business' right of conscience or freedom of religion.
- **SB 214** - To require the Department of Health to ensure that state funds and certain federal funds are not used either to perform or promote nontherapeutic abortions, or to contract or affiliate with any entity that performs or promotes nontherapeutic abortions.
- **HB 193** - To address issues of confidentiality by creating a program for victims of personal crimes such as domestic violence, menacing by stalking, human trafficking, rape, and sexual battery.

### Legislative Update - October 7th, 2015

Featuring the following ballot issues:

With election season right around the corner, it is critical that voters begin educating themselves on the 2015 ballot issues.

- **Issue 1** - Creates a bipartisan, public process for drawing legislative updates
- **Issue 2** - Prohibits proposals that would create market monopolies
- **Issue 3** - Grants a monopoly for the production and sale of marijuana for recreational & medicinal purposes.

### Community Update - September 30th, 2015

Featuring Information on Hispanic Heritage Month:

- Each year from September 15 to October 15, America honors and celebrates the many contributions of Latinos to the United States during National Hispanic Heritage Month. There are more than 53 million Latinos living in the U.S., and nearly 400,000 of them call Ohio home. During this month and onward, let's respect and honor the value Hispanics have added to our great nation.
- Video Presentation: [\*Latinos in Ohio - Transcending Barriers Through Cultural Competence\*](#)
- 2015 Hispanic Heritage Month Resolutions: [Office of Governor of Ohio](#), [Ohio House of Representatives](#)
- Upcoming Hispanic Heritage Month Events in Ohio

### Legislative Update - September 3rd, 2015

Featuring the following bills:

- **HB 281** - To enact the "Blair Deduction" to allow recent college graduates an income tax deduction for qualified higher education expenses.
- **SB 87** - To require that domestic workers be paid the minimum wage and be paid overtime wages, to make certain conduct directed toward domestic workers an unlawful discriminatory practice and to require a weekly day of rest for domestic workers.
- **SB 127** - To prohibit the performance of an abortion on a pregnant woman when the probable post-fertilization age of the unborn child is 20 weeks or greater.
- **HB 268** - To expand the list of human trafficking-related convictions and delinquency adjudications that may be expunged, to increase the penalties for compelling prostitution and promoting prostitution, and to authorize

intervention in lieu of conviction for persons charged with committing an offense while a victim of compelling prostitution.

### Community Update - August 5th, 2015

Featuring Information on Anti-Human Trafficking Efforts:

- OCHLA is a member of Attorney General DeWine's Human Trafficking Commission, which includes elected and appointed officials, members of local, state, and federal law enforcement, public and private social agencies, religious groups, and schools. The commission meets regularly to understand the extent of the problem in Ohio, find ways to help victims, and discover how to investigate and prosecute traffickers.
- Last month, OCHLA attended the commission's meeting and a labor trafficking workshop hosted by the FBI. Included in this Community Update is important information we received during our training that may be of benefit to you.
- To visit OCHLA's human trafficking resources webpage, [click here](#).

### Legislative Update - July 10th, 2015

Featuring Ohio's Biennial Budget:

- Governor Kasich signed Ohio's \$71.2 billion biennial budget into law.
- Major provisions of the budget include tax cuts for individuals and businesses, limits to school funding, a freeze on public university tuition, cancellation of the PARCC tests and new abortion laws.

### Legislative Update - June 29th, 2015

Featuring the following bills:

- **HB 274** - To create a subprogram of the College Credit Plus Program that permits students to participate in certified apprenticeship programs.
- **SB 87** - To require that domestic workers be paid the minimum wage and be paid overtime wages, to make certain conduct directed toward domestic workers an unlawful discriminatory practice and to require a weekly day of rest for domestic workers.
- **SB 127** - To prohibit the performance of an abortion on a pregnant woman when the probable post-fertilization age of the unborn child is twenty weeks or greater.
- **SB 63** - To create an online voter registration system, to allow voters to select party affiliations online, and to modify the procedures for maintaining the Statewide Voter Registration Database.

### Legislative Update - June 11th, 2015

Featuring the following bills:

- **SB 148** - To make changes to the law regarding governance, operation, and management of community schools, and to make an appropriation.
- **HB 203** - To establish the Startup Ohio initiative in which universities and partnering business may collaborate in tax-free areas near campuses to create jobs, attract entrepreneurs, and spur academic enrichment.
- **HB 249** - To provide immunity from arrest, prosecution, or conviction, or to permit a court to consider drug treatment or as a mitigating factor in supervised release sanctioning, for a minor drug possession offense for a person who seeks or obtains medical assistance or similar situations.
- **SB 162** - To provide that a person convicted of aggravated murder who had a serious mental illness at the time of committing the offense cannot be sentenced to death for the offense and to provide resentencing for those of serious mental illness who have already been sentenced to death.

### Legislative Update - May 28th, 2015

Featuring the following updates:

- **Preliminary Injunction Blocking Extended DACA/DAPA Implementation Remains Intact For Now** - On May 26, 2015, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit denied the Obama Administration's emergency request to suspend the preliminary injunction that has prevented DACA/DAPA expansion from going into effect.

- **Ohio Joins "Ban the Box" Movement** - Beginning June 1, Ohio will be the 17th state to join the "ban the box" movement by eliminating the box on initial job applications that require individuals to divulge past criminal convictions.

#### Legislative Update - May 14th, 2015

Featuring the following bills:

- **HB 74:** To make changes to law regarding the administration of state primary and secondary education assessments.
- **SB 152:** To prohibit a public authority from requiring a contractor to employ a certain percentage of individuals from the geographic area for construction or professional design of a public improvement.
- **HB 48:** To extend to handguns affirmative defenses to a charge of carrying a concealed weapon on person or in a vehicle, and to modify the prohibition against carrying concealed handguns by personnel at certain institutions.
- **SB 13:** To extend the period of limitations for prosecution of rape or sexual battery when a DNA record made in connection with the investigation of the offense matches another DNA record of an identifiable person and to declare an emergency.

#### Legislative Update - April 29th, 2015

Featuring the following bills:

- **SB 148:** To make changes to the law regarding governance, operation, and management of community schools, and to make an appropriation.
- **HB 64:** Ohio's Biennial Budget Bill
- **SB 33:** To require certain health care professionals to complete instruction in cultural competency.
- **HB 50:** To extend the age for which a person is eligible for federal foster care and adoption assistance payments to age twenty-one, to provide a ward's bill of rights, to require that a guardian receive the Ohio Guardianship Guide, and to make an appropriation.

#### Legislative Update - April 15th, 2015

Featuring the following bills:

- **HB 27:** To create the Finish Fund and the Finish Reserve Fund to provide grants to students who are nearing completion of their associate or bachelor's degrees and display financial need or hardship and to make an appropriation.
- **SB 73:** To require community colleges, state community colleges, technical colleges, and university branches to comply with minority business enterprise set-aside requirements, as well as to require establishment of correlating guidelines and procurement goals.
- **HB 147:** To allow Ohioans to carry concealed firearms with no permit or training
- **SB 63:** To create an online voter registration system.

#### Legislative Update - April 1st, 2015

Featuring the following bills:

- **HB 2:** To increase charter school oversight and accountability.
- **HB 102:** To provide a bid preference for state contracts to a veteran-owned business and to authorize a personal income and commercial activity tax credit for a business that hires and employs a veteran for at least one year.
- **HB 69:** To generally prohibit an abortion of an unborn human individual with a detectable heartbeat and to create the Joint Legislative Committee on Adoption Promotion and Support.
- **SB 134:** To make permissive actual damages and attorney's fees, to limit certain civil penalties, to allow respondents to recover attorney's fees in certain instances, and to exempt certain landlords from the housing provisions of the Ohio Civil Rights Law.