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Bill Analysis
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Sen. White

BILL SUMMARY

- Designates March "Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month."

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

(sec. 5.2219)

The bill designates the month of March as "Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month" in Ohio.

COMMENT

Colon cancer and rectal cancer are diseases that develop in the lower digestive tract, and because the cancers have many features in common, they are often discussed together as colorectal cancer. According to the American Cancer Society, colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer among both men and women in the United States. It is estimated that more than 98,000 new cases of colon cancer and 37,000 new cases of rectal cancer will be diagnosed during 2001. The five-year survival rate for persons whose colorectal cancer is found and treated in an early stage is 90%, but only 37% of the cases of colorectal cancer are found before the cancer has spread to other parts of the body.¹

* *This analysis was prepared before the report of the Senate Health, Human Services & Aging Committee appeared in the Senate Journal. Note that the list of co-sponsors and legislative history may be incomplete.*

¹ *The American Cancer Society, at http://www3.cancer.org/cancerinfo/load_cont.asp?st=wi&ct=10&Language=ENGLISH (last visited March 7, 2001).*

HISTORY

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