



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

## Bill Analysis

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### Sub. H.B. 156

128th General Assembly  
(As Reported by H. State Government)

**Reps.** Harris, Weddington, Garland, Hagan, Evans, S. Williams, Boyd, Grossman, Carney, Luckie, B. Williams, Letson, Heard, Domenick, Skindell, Gerberry, Mallory, Stewart, Daniels

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## BILL SUMMARY

- Designates April 30 as "Dia De Los Ninos" or "Children's Day" to recognize children as Ohio's future, center, and priority, to promote the importance of linking children to books, languages, and culture, and to honor the Latin American tradition of celebrating this day (R.C. 5.2265).
- Designates January as "Ohio Mentor Month" (R.C. 5.2266).
- Designates March as "Macular Degeneration Month" (R.C. 5.2268).
- Designates April as "Community Theater Month" (R.C. 5.2269).
- Designates May as ALS Awareness Month (R.C. 5.2270).
- Designates the last week of May as "Ohio Turfgrass Week" in order to increase awareness of the importance of turfgrass to this state's economy and environment (R.C. 5.2271).
- Designates September as "Mesothelioma Month" to bring attention to mesothelioma, a rare form of cancer that develops in the mesothelium, a protective sac that covers most of the body's internal organs, and that is commonly linked to asbestos exposure (R.C. 5.2274).
- Designates June as "Father's Month" to increase public awareness of the critical role of fathers and to pay tribute to them (R.C. 5.2272).
- Designates March 29 as "Vietnam War Veterans' Day" in honor of those who fought, died, or are still unaccounted for in the Vietnam War (R.C. 5.2267).

- Designates the second Thursday in July as "Ohio Summer Learning Day" to promote the importance of learning throughout the summer, in recognition of the vital importance that summer learning plays in a child's educational success (R.C. 5.2273).
- Designates November as "Ohio Adoption Month" to honor adoptive families, increase public awareness of adoption, and to promote activities and efforts to fund permanent homes for waiting children of all ages and races (R.C. 5.2275).
- Designates November as "Complex Regional Pain Syndrome Awareness Month" to promote public awareness of complex regional pain syndrome, also known as reflex sympathetic dystrophy syndrome (R.C. 5.2276).
- Requires the state Department of Health, beginning 90 days after the bill's effective date, to include information on its web site to promote complex regional pain syndrome education in a manner that enables individuals to make informed decisions about their health (R.C. 3701.136 and Section 2).
- Adopts the spotted salamander as the state amphibian (R.C. 5.033).
- Adopts the children's book *Lentil* as the official children's book of the state and designates its author, Robert McCloskey, born in Hamilton, as the official children's book author of the state (R.C. 5.091).

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## HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	04-29-09
Reported, H. State Gov't	06-18-09

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