Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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BILL SUMMARY

- Designates September as "Craniofacial Acceptance Month."

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Craniofacial Acceptance Month

The bill designates the month of September as "Craniofacial Acceptance Month" to increase public awareness of craniofacial conditions and advances in medical treatment of these conditions.[1]

Legislative findings

The bill specifies that the General Assembly makes the following findings in enacting Craniofacial Acceptance Month:[2]

(1) Approximately 100,000 children are born each year in the United States with a craniofacial condition affecting the child's head, neck, extremities, or organs.

(2) Treatment of a craniofacial condition often lasts from infancy to adulthood and it is not uncommon for a child to undergo multiple surgeries before reaching adulthood.

(3) Most craniofacial conditions affect individuals and their families physically, mentally, and socially.

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[1] R.C. 5.2267.

[2] Section 2.

(4) Many medical procedures have been developed in the past 30 years to help improve the quality of life for individuals affected by craniofacial conditions.

(5) The number of physicians specializing in treating craniofacial conditions is very small.

(6) Many groups advocate on the behalf of individuals with craniofacial conditions and encourage greater acceptance and support of individuals with craniofacial conditions.

(7) Ohio is a leader in the field of treating craniofacial conditions.

HISTORY

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