



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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(As Reported by H. Health & Aging)

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Reps. Gonzales, Fende, Antonio, Carney, Gardner, Garland, Hackett, Hill, Hottinger, Johnson, Schuring, Sears, Yuko

BILL SUMMARY

- Designates May as "Pediatric Stroke Awareness Month."

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Pediatric Stroke Awareness Month

The bill designates May as "Pediatric Stroke Awareness Month."¹

A stroke, sometimes referred to as a "brain attack," occurs when the blood supply to part of the brain is cut off, resulting in tissue injury and loss of brain function. When brain tissue is cut off from its supply of oxygen and nutrients for more than three minutes, it begins to die.²

In children, stroke may be caused by birth defects, infections (such as meningitis or encephalitis), trauma, blood disorders (such as sickle cell disease or clotting disorders), congenital or acquired heart disease, abnormalities of blood vessels, and metabolic disorders. Stroke is one of the top ten causes of death in children, and the majority of pediatric stroke survivors will have lingering, persistent neurological or cognitive impairment. Epilepsy may develop in a significant number of stroke

¹ R.C. 5.2275.

² Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital, *Pediatric Stroke* (last visited April 19, 2012), available at <http://my.clevelandclinic.org/Documents/Cerebrovascular_Center/10-NEU-043PedsStrokeFactsheet.pdf>.

survivors. Children tend to recover from stroke better than adults, due mostly to the plasticity of their brains (ability of brain networks to reorganize and recover following injury) and the fact that their brains are still developing.³

HISTORY

| ACTION | DATE |
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| Introduced | 11-21-11 |
| Reported, S. Health, Human Services & Aging | 01-26-12 |
| Passed Senate (30-0) | 02-01-12 |
| Reported, H. Health & Aging | 04-18-12 |

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³ Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital, *Pediatric Stroke*.

