



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

## Bill Analysis

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### **S.B. 260**

129th General Assembly  
(As Reported by S. Health, Human Services and Aging)

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## **BILL SUMMARY**

- Designates May as "Pediatric Stroke Awareness Month."

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## **CONTENT AND OPERATION**

### **Pediatric Stroke Awareness Month**

The bill designates May as "Pediatric Stroke Awareness Month."<sup>1</sup>

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.<sup>2</sup>

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.<sup>3</sup>

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 survivors. Children tend to recover from stroke better than adults, due mostly to the plasticity of

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 5.2268.

<sup>2</sup> Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital, *Pediatric Stroke* (last visited January 27, 2012), available at <[http://my.clevelandclinic.org/Documents/Cerebrovascular\\_Center/10-NEU-043PedsStrokeFactsheet.pdf](http://my.clevelandclinic.org/Documents/Cerebrovascular_Center/10-NEU-043PedsStrokeFactsheet.pdf)>.

<sup>3</sup> Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital, *Pediatric Stroke*.

their brains (ability of brain networks to reorganize and recover following injury) and the fact that their brains are still developing.<sup>4</sup>

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## HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	11-21-11
Reported, S. Health, Human Services & Aging	01-26-12

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<sup>4</sup> Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital, *Pediatric Stroke*.

