



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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130th General Assembly
(As Reported by H. Health and Aging)

Sens. Hite, Gardner, Jones, Cafaro, Brown, Tavares, Bacon, Balderson, Beagle, Burke, Coley, Eklund, Faber, Gentile, Hughes, Jordan, Kearney, LaRose, Lehner, Manning, Obhof, Oelslager, Peterson, Sawyer, Schaffer, Schiavoni, Seitz, Skindell, Smith, Turner, Uecker, Widener

Reps. Wachtmann, Antonio, Barnes, Bishoff, Brown, R. Hagan, Carney, Hottinger, Johnson, Schuring, Sears, Smith

BILL SUMMARY

- Designates March 9 as "Meningitis Awareness Day."
- Names the bill "Tess's Law."

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Meningitis Awareness Day

The bill designates March 9 as "Meningitis Awareness Day."¹

Meningitis is a disease caused by the inflammation of the meninges, which are the protective membranes covering the brain and spinal cord. It is usually caused by an infection of the fluid surrounding the brain and spinal cord.² Its symptoms include fever, severe headache, stiff neck, vomiting, sensitivity to light, altered mental status, and, in severe cases, seizures and coma. There are several types of meningitis, some of

¹ R.C. 5.2292.

² Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. *Meningitis* (last visited March 25, 2014), available at <<http://www.cdc.gov/meningitis/index.html>>.

which can be prevented by completing the recommended vaccine schedule; some types of meningitis can be treated effectively with antibiotics, if treatment is started quickly.³

Naming of the bill

The bill specifies that it is to be known as Tess's Law.⁴

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	02-11-14
Reported, S. Medicaid, Health & Human Services	02-19-14
Passed Senate (32-0)	02-19-14
Reported, H. Health & Aging	03-19-14

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³ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. *Bacterial Meningitis* (last visited March 25, 2014), available at <<http://www.cdc.gov/meningitis/bacterial.html>>.

⁴ Section 2 of the bill.

