



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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S.B. 275*

130th General Assembly

(As Reported by S. Medicaid, Health and Human Services)

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BILL SUMMARY

- Designates March 9 as "Meningitis Awareness Day."
- Names the act "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 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

* This analysis was prepared before the report of the Senate Medicaid, Health and Human Services Committee appeared in the Senate Journal. Note that the list of co-sponsors and the legislative history may be incomplete.

¹ R.C. 5.2292.

² Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. *Meningitis* (last visited February 14, 2014), available at <http://www.cdc.gov/meningitis/index.html>.

³ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. *Bacterial Meningitis* (last visited February 14, 2014), available at <http://www.cdc.gov/meningitis/bacterial.html>.

Naming of the bill

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

HISTORY

| ACTION | DATE |
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| Introduced | 02-11-14 |
| Reported, S. Medicaid, Health & Human Services | --- |

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⁴ Section 2 of the bill.

