



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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(As Reported by H. Health and Aging)

Sens. Beagle and Faber, Gardner, Peterson, Hite, Hughes, Patton, Brown, Tavares, Burke, Cafaro, Coley, Eklund, Gentile, Jones, Kearney, LaRose, Lehner, Manning, Obhof, Oelslager, Sawyer, Skindell, Uecker, Widener

BILL SUMMARY

- Repeals "Mitochondrial Disease Awareness Week" and instead, designates September as "Mitochondrial Disease Awareness Month."
- Designates the act as the "Corynna Strawser Act."

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Mitochondrial Disease Awareness Month

Current law designates the third week of September as "Mitochondrial Disease Awareness Week" to raise awareness of the existence and symptoms of mitochondrial disease.¹ The bill repeals this designation and instead, designates the month of September as "Mitochondrial Disease Awareness Month." The bill also provides that the act be known as the "Corynna Strawser Act."

The bill specifies that the purpose of designating the month is to raise awareness of the existence, symptoms, and management of a diverse group of disorders known as mitochondrial disease. The group of disorders may impact either a part of the body or

* This analysis was prepared before the report of the House Health and Aging Committee appeared in the House Journal. Note that the list of co-sponsors and the legislative history may be incomplete.

¹ R.C. 5.2250.

multiple organ systems as a result of dysfunction of the mitochondria, or structures within cells that produce energy needed for cellular performance.²

According to the United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation, mitochondria are responsible for creating more than 90% of the energy needed by the body to sustain life and support growth. When they fail, less energy is generated within the cell. Cell injury and even cell death follow. If this process is repeated throughout the body, whole systems begin to fail, and the life of the person in whom this is happening is severely compromised. The disease primarily affects children, but adult onset is becoming more common.³

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	03-20-14
Reported, S. Medicaid, Health and Human Services	05-21-14
Passed Senate (32-0)	05-28-14
Reported, H. Health & Aging	---

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² R.C. 5.2250.

³ United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation, *What is Mitochondrial Disease?* (last visited June 3, 2014), available at <<http://www.umdf.org/site/pp.aspx?c=8qKOJ0MvF7LUG&b=7934627>>.

