



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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S.B. 300

130th General Assembly

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

Sens. Beagle and Faber, Gardner, Peterson, Hite Hughes, Patton, Brown, Tavares

BILL SUMMARY

- Repeals the designation of the third week of September as "Mitochondrial Disease Awareness Week" and instead, designates the month of September as "Mitochondrial Disease Awareness Month."
- Designates the bill as the "Corynna Strawser Act."

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Mitochondrial Disease Awareness Month

Under current law, the third week of September is designated as "Mitochondrial Disease Awareness Week" for the purpose of raising awareness of the existence and symptoms of mitochondrial disease.¹ The bill repeals that designation and instead, designates the month of September as "Mitochondrial Disease Awareness Month." The bill also provides that it be known as the "Corynna Strawser Act."

The bill specifies that the purpose of making the month designation is to raise not only awareness of the existence of the disease and its symptoms, but also the management of a diverse group of disorders known as mitochondrial disease. The bill specifies that this diverse group of disorders may impact either a part of the body or multiple organ systems as a result of dysfunction of the mitochondria, which are structures within cells that produce energy needed for cellular performance.²

¹ R.C. 5.2250.

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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

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³ United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation, *What is Mitochondrial Disease?* (last visited May 23, 2014), available at <http://www.umdf.org/site/c.8qKOJ0MvF7LUG/b.7934627/k.3711/What_is_Mitochondrial_Disease.htm>.

