



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

## Bill Analysis

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### H.B. 490

131st General Assembly  
(As Passed by the House)

**Reps.** Terhar and T. Johnson, Blessing, Huffman, Rogers, Schaffer, Sprague, Sweeney, Antonio, Barnes, Bishoff, Brown, Butler, Ginter, Kuhns, Lepore-Hagan, Ramos, Sykes, Anielski, Baker, Buchy, Craig, Dever, Green, Grossman, Hagan, Hall, McClain, M. O'Brien, S. O'Brien, Patterson, Phillips, Slaby, Young

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## BILL SUMMARY

- Designates January 31 as "Omphalocele Awareness Day."

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## CONTENT AND OPERATION

### Omphalocele Awareness Day

The bill designates January 31 as "Omphalocele Awareness Day" to raise public awareness and encourage medical research on this birth defect.<sup>1</sup> Omphalocele is a birth defect of the abdominal wall that causes an infant's intestines, liver, or other organs to stick outside of the belly through the belly button. The organs are covered in a thin, nearly transparent sac that hardly ever is open or broken. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that about 775 babies in the United States are born with an omphalocele each year. The causes of omphalocele among most infants are unknown.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 5.234.

<sup>2</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *Facts about Omphalocele*, available at <http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/birthdefects/omphalocele.html>.

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## HISTORY

### ACTION

### DATE

Introduced	03-16-16
Reported, H. Health & Aging	04-27-16
Passed House (95-0)	05-18-16

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