



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

Bill Analysis

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(As Introduced)

Reps. Gonzales and Conditt, Sweeney, Lipps, Craig

BILL SUMMARY

- Designates May as "Congenital Cytomegalovirus Awareness Month."

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Congenital Cytomegalovirus Awareness Month

The bill designates May as "Congenital Cytomegalovirus Awareness Month" to increase public awareness of congenital cytomegalovirus and to encourage the testing of newborns for the infection.¹

Congenital cytomegalovirus (CMV) is an infection that occurs at birth in about one out of every 200 babies. Of those babies, about one in five will be sick from the virus or have long-term health problems, which may include hearing and vision loss, intellectual disability, small head size, lack of coordination, weakness or problems using muscles, and seizures.

CMV can be diagnosed by testing a newborn's saliva, urine, or blood. Antiviral medications may decrease the risk of health problems and hearing loss in some infected babies who show signs of congenital CMV at birth.²

¹ R.C. 5.2518.

² Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *Cytomegalovirus (CMV) and Congenital CMV Infection*, <https://www.cdc.gov/cmvc/congenital-infection.html>.

HISTORY

ACTION

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