



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

Bill Analysis

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Am. H.B. 165*

132nd General Assembly

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

Reps. Gonzales and Conditt, Sweeney, Lipps, Craig, Huffman, Gavarone, Antonio, Barnes, Butler, Duffey, Ginter, Kent, LaTourette, Lepore-Hagan, Romanchuk, West, Anielski, Ashford, Boggs, Boyd, Celebrezze, Dever, Faber, Greenspan, Hambley, Holmes, Hughes, Johnson, Keller, Landis, Miller, Patton, Pelanda, Ramos, Reece, Reineke, Rogers, Ryan, Schaffer, Sheehy, Slaby, R. Smith, Sprague, Strahorn, Sykes, Young

BILL SUMMARY

- Designates June as "Congenital Cytomegalovirus Awareness Month."

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Congenital Cytomegalovirus Awareness Month

The bill designates June 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.

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

¹ R.C. 5.2518.

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

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	03-28-17
Reported, H. Health	05-03-17
Passed House (96-0)	05-10-17
Reported, S. Health, Human Services & Medicaid	---

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

