



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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H.B. 98

131st General Assembly
(As Reported by S. Health and Human Services)

Reps. Brown, Rogers, Stinziano, Lepore-Hagan, Blessing, Antonio, Celebrezze, T. Johnson, Anielski, Baker, Barnes, Bishoff, Boyd, Brenner, Buchy, Butler, Clyde, Craig, Derickson, Dever, DeVitis, Dovilla, Driehaus, Duffey, Grossman, Hackett, Hayes, Huffman, G. Johnson, Kuhns, Kunze, LaTourette, Leland, M. O'Brien, Patterson, Pelanda, Ramos, Reece, Ryan, Schaffer, Sears, Sheehy, R. Smith, Strahorn, Sweeney, Sykes, Young

Sens. Gardner, Beagle, Lehner, Hite, Tavares, Brown

BILL SUMMARY

- Designates May 14 as "Childhood Apraxia of Speech Awareness Day."

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Childhood Apraxia of Speech Awareness Day

The bill designates the 14th day of May as "Childhood Apraxia of Speech Awareness Day" to increase public awareness of the disorder and to support the goals of Better Hearing and Speech Month.¹ Current law designates the month of May as "Better Hearing and Speech Month."

Childhood apraxia of speech is a disorder in which a child has difficulty making accurate movements when speaking.² It does not occur because of muscle weakness or paralysis; instead, the child's brain struggles to coordinate the muscle movements necessary for speech.³ Often, there is a wide gap between a child's ability to understand

¹ R.C. 5.2281.

² Mayo Clinic, *Diseases and Conditions: Childhood apraxia of speech* (last visited October 21, 2015), available at <<http://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/childhood-apraxia-of-speech/basics/definition/con-20031147>>.

³ American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, *Childhood Apraxia of Speech* (last visited October 21, 2015), available at <<http://www.asha.org/public/speech/disorders/ChildhoodApraxia/>>.

language and the child's expressive skills. The most common characteristics include inconsistent errors with consonants and vowels when repeating syllables and words, difficulty moving from sound to sound or syllable to syllable, and inappropriate stress on syllables or words.⁴ At present, speech therapy is the primary treatment.⁵

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	03-03-15
Reported, H. Health & Aging	03-26-15
Passed House (95-0)	04-15-15
Reported, S. Health & Human Services	10-21-15

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⁴ The Childhood Apraxia of Speech Association of North America, *Family Start Guide: How is CAS Diagnosed?* (last visited October 21, 2015), available at <<http://www.apraxia-kids.org/guides/family-start-guide/how-is-cas-diagnosed/>>.

⁵ Mayo Clinic, *Diseases and Conditions: Childhood apraxia of speech*.

