



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

## Bill Analysis

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### H.B. 260

131st General Assembly  
(As Reported by H. Health & Aging)

**Reps.** Blessing, Hall, Antonio, Romanchuk, Dever, K. Smith, Schaffer, Terhar, Brown, Brenner, Green, Sheehy, Kraus, Ashford, Huffman, Butler, Ginter, T. Johnson, Kuhns, Ramos, Schuring, Sears, Sykes

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## BILL SUMMARY

- Designates the first week of December as "Crohn's and Colitis Awareness Week."

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## CONTENT AND OPERATION

### Crohn's and Colitis Awareness Week

The bill designates the first week of December as "Crohn's and Colitis Awareness Week." Under current law, unchanged by the bill, the 23rd of May is designated as "Crohn's and Colitis Awareness Day."<sup>1</sup>

Crohn's disease, a form of inflammatory bowel disease, causes swelling and irritation in the digestive tract. Crohn's most commonly affects the end part of the small intestine. Colitis, another form of inflammatory bowel disease, causes swelling of the large intestine, also known as the colon. Symptoms of both include pain, persistent diarrhea, urgency, bleeding, and fever.<sup>2</sup>

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## HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	06-16-15
Reported, H. Health & Aging	10-19-15

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 5.2240.

<sup>2</sup> Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America, *What are Crohn's and Colitis?*, available at <http://www.ccfa.org/what-are-crohns-and-colitis/>.