

# **Ohio Legislative Service Commission**

## **Bill Analysis**

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### H.B. 260

131st General Assembly (As Introduced)

**Reps.** Blessing, Hall, Antonio, Romanchuk, Dever, K. Smith, Schaffer, Terhar, Brown, Brenner, Green, Sheehy, Kraus, Ashford

#### **BILL SUMMARY**

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

#### 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, May 23rd is designated as "Crohn's and Colitis Awareness Day."<sup>1</sup>

Crohn's disease, a form of inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), causes swelling and irritation in the digestive tract. Crohn's most commonly affects the end part of the small intestine (the ileum). Colitis, another form of IBD, 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>

HISTORY	
ACTION	DATE
Introduced	06-16-15
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> R.C. 5.2240.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America, *What are Crohn's and Colitis?*, <a href="http://www.ccfa.org/what-are-crohns-and-colitis/">http://www.ccfa.org/what-are-crohns-and-colitis/</a>.