



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

## Final Analysis

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131st General Assembly  
(As Passed by the General Assembly)

- 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, Bacon, Balderson, Burke, Coley, Eklund, Gentile, Hughes, Jones, LaRose, Manning, Patton, Peterson, Sawyer, Schiavoni, Thomas, Widener, Yuko

**Effective date:** May 17, 2016

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## ACT SUMMARY

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

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## CONTENT AND OPERATION

The act designates May 14 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.<sup>1</sup> Continuing law designates 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.<sup>2</sup> It does not occur because of muscle weakness or paralysis; instead, the child's brain struggles to coordinate the muscle movements

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\* This version updates the effective date.

<sup>1</sup> R.C. 5.2281.

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

necessary for speech.<sup>3</sup> Often, there is a wide gap between a child's ability to understand 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.<sup>4</sup> At present, speech therapy is the primary treatment.<sup>5</sup>

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## 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
Passed Senate (33-0)	01-20-16

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<sup>3</sup> American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, *Childhood Apraxia of Speech*, available at [www.asha.org/public/speech/disorders/ChildhoodApraxia/](http://www.asha.org/public/speech/disorders/ChildhoodApraxia/).

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

<sup>5</sup> Mayo Clinic, *Diseases and Conditions: Childhood apraxia of speech*.

