



# OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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## Bill Analysis

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### **H.B. 45**

132nd General Assembly  
(As Passed by the House)

**Reps.** Sprague, Blessing, Craig, T. Johnson, Ramos, Riedel, Rogers, Stein, Sweeney, Young, Huffman, Antonio, Lepore-Hagan, West, Anielski, Barnes, Boyd, Celebrezze, Dever, DeVitis, Faber, Gavarone, Ginter, Hambley, Holmes, Hughes, Kent, LaTourette, Leland, Miller, O'Brien, Patterson, Patton, Reece, Reineke, Ryan, Schaffer, Slaby, Strahorn, Sykes

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## **BILL SUMMARY**

- Designates May as "Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month."

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## **CONTENT AND OPERATION**

### **Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month**

The bill designates the month of May as "Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month."<sup>1</sup>

Neurofibromatosis is a genetic disorder that causes tumors to form on nerve tissue in a person's nervous system, including the brain, spinal cord, and nerves. Neurofibromatosis is usually diagnosed in childhood or early adulthood. The tumors are usually noncancerous, but sometimes can become cancerous. Complications of neurofibromatosis can include hearing loss, learning impairment, heart and blood vessel (cardiovascular) problems, loss of vision, and severe pain.<sup>2</sup> An estimated 100,000

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 5.259.

<sup>2</sup> Mayo Clinic, *Neurofibromatosis*, <http://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/neurofibromatosis/home/ovc-20167893>.

Americans have a neurofibromatosis disorder. Neurofibromatosis occurs in both sexes and in all races and ethnic groups.<sup>3</sup>

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## HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	02-07-17
Reported, H. Health	03-15-17
Passed House (95-0)	04-25-17

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<sup>3</sup> National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, *Neurofibromatosis Fact Sheet*, <https://www.ninds.nih.gov/Disorders/Patient-Caregiver-Education/Fact-Sheets/Neurofibromatosis-Fact-Sheet>.

