OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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(As Introduced)

Reps.   Sykes, Howse, Miller, West, Ramos, Ashford, Boggs, Romanchuk, Lepore-Hagan, Celebrezze, Kent, K. Smith

BILL SUMMARY

- Designates the month of May as "Maternal Mortality Awareness Month."

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Maternal Mortality Awareness Month

The bill designates May as "Maternal Mortality Awareness Month."[1] According to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, about 700 women die each year in the United States as a result of pregnancy or delivery complications. Research suggests that half of these deaths may be preventable. Women in the United States are more likely to die from childbirth or pregnancy-related causes than other women in the developed world. At present, racial disparities exist, as the risk of pregnancy-related death for black women is three to four times higher than the risk for white women.[2] In Ohio, the ratio of pregnancy-associated deaths has increased since 2008. According to the Ohio Department of Health, in 2016, there were 84.7 deaths per 100,000 live births.[3]

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[1] R.C. 5.2514.

[2] *See* Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Reproductive Health, Maternal and Infant Health, *Pregnancy-Related Deaths*, available at <https://www.cdc.gov/reproductivehealth/maternalinfanthealth/pregnancy-relatedmortality.htm>.

[3] *See* Ohio Department of Health, *Pregnancy-Associated Mortality Review (PAMR) Data*, available at <https://www.odh.ohio.gov/odhprograms/cfhs/pamr/PAMR%20Data.aspx>.

HISTORY

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