



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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BILL SUMMARY

- Adopts the children's book *Lentil* and its author as the official children's book and children's book author of Ohio.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Lentil

The bill designates the children's book, *Lentil*, as the official children's book of Ohio. The bill also designates *Lentil's* author, Robert McCloskey (1914-2003), who was born in Hamilton, Ohio, as the official children's book author of Ohio.¹

Lentil, published in 1940, is set in the fictional Alto, Ohio. *Lentil* tells the adventure of a young boy who, saddened that he could not sing, learns to play the harmonica.

Lentil was Robert McCloskey's first published book, but he went on to write and illustrate other children's books, including *Make Way for Ducklings*, which won a Caldecott Medal in 1942.²

HISTORY

ACTION

DATE

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¹ R.C. 5.091.

² <http://www.ohioana-authors.org/mccloskey/highlights.php>.