



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

## Bill Analysis

Lisa Musielewicz

### H.B. 245

129th General Assembly  
(As Passed by the House)

**Reps.** Yuko, Ashford, Mecklenborg, Derickson, Combs, Fende, Ramos, Antonio, Gerberry, Letson, Lundy, Goodwin, Barnes, Carney, Celeste, Garland, Hackett, Johnson, Schuring, Sears, R. Adams, Anielski, Blair, Blessing, Buchy, Budish, Clyde, DeGeeter, Driehaus, Fedor, Foley, Gentile, Goyal, C. Hagan, R. Hagan, Hall, Heard, Huffman, Landis, Mallory, McKenney, Milkovich, Murray, Okey, Patmon, Pillich, Reece, Slesnick, Stinziano, Szollosi, Weddington, Williams, Winburn, Batchelder

---

## BILL SUMMARY

- Designates September as "Pain Awareness Month."

---

## CONTENT AND OPERATION

### Pain Awareness Month

The bill designates the month of September as "Pain Awareness Month" to raise public awareness and understanding of physical pain and pain management.<sup>1</sup>

### Legislative findings

The bill specifies that the General Assembly does the following:

(1) Recognizes that tens of millions of Americans are affected by physical pain and that untreated or inadequately treated pain can diminish quality of life and result in economic loss to Ohio through medical expenses, lost wages, reduced productivity, and other costs;

(2) Considers increasing public awareness of physical pain and promoting access to appropriate pain treatment for all Ohioans vital to reducing suffering and removing barriers to pain-free living.<sup>2</sup>

---

<sup>1</sup> R.C. 5.2267.

<sup>2</sup> Section 2.

---

## HISTORY

### ACTION

### DATE

Introduced	06-01-11
Reported, H. Health & Aging	06-15-11
Passed House (97-0)	06-22-11

h0245-ph-129.docx/ks

