



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

## Bill Analysis

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### H.B. 411

131st General Assembly  
(As Introduced)

**Reps.** Pelanda, Hackett, Boccieri, Dever, Brown, Duffey, Rogers, Romanchuk, Sheehy

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## BILL SUMMARY

- Designates September 26 as "Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma Awareness Day."

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## CONTENT AND OPERATION

### Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma Awareness Day

The bill designates the 26th of September as "Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma Awareness Day."<sup>1</sup> Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma, commonly referred to as pontine glioma, infiltrative brainstem glioma, or DIPG, is a rare tumor of the brainstem that appears almost exclusively in children. A pontine glioma occurs in the part of the brainstem (the "pons") that controls many critical functions, including breathing and blood pressure. The tumor's location, as well as the way it infiltrates normal brain tissue, makes it difficult to treat. There are about 300 to 350 new cases of DIPG diagnosed each year in the United States, usually in children under the age of 10 years. DIPG affects boys and girls equally.<sup>2</sup>

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## HISTORY

### ACTION

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### DATE

12-09-15

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 5.256.

<sup>2</sup> Cornell University, Weill Cornell Medical College, Department of Neurological Surgery, Weill Cornell Brain and Spine Center, *Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG)*, available at <http://weillcornellbrainandspine.org/condition/diffuse-intrinsic-pontine-glioma-dipg>.