



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

## Bill Analysis

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### S.B. 291

131st General Assembly  
(As Reported by S. Health & Human Services)

**Sens.** Yuko, Brown, Cafaro, Gentile, Gardner, Hite, Beagle, Tavares

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## BILL SUMMARY

- Designates September as "Pain Awareness Month."

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## CONTENT AND OPERATION

### Pain Awareness Month

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

In declaring September as "Pain Awareness Month," the bill specifies that the General Assembly recognizes that physical pain affects tens of millions of Americans 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. The General Assembly 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>

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## HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	03-07-16
Reported, S. Health & Human Services	05-18-16

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 5.29.

<sup>2</sup> Section 2.