



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

## Bill Analysis

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### H.B. 533

131st General Assembly  
(As Reported by H. Health and Aging)

**Reps.** Sprague, Ramos, Schaffer, Sweeney, Bishoff, Brown, Butler, Ginter, T. Johnson, Kuhns, Sykes

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## BILL SUMMARY

- Designates May as "Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month."

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## CONTENT AND OPERATION

### Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month

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

Neurofibromatosis is a genetic disorder that causes tumors to form on nerve tissue in a person's nervous system, including the brain, spinal cord, and nerves. Neurofibromatosis is usually diagnosed in childhood or early adulthood. The tumors are usually noncancerous, but sometimes can become cancerous. Complications of neurofibromatosis can include hearing loss, learning impairment, heart and blood vessel (cardiovascular) problems, loss of vision, and severe pain.<sup>2</sup> An estimated 100,000 Americans have a neurofibromatosis disorder. Neurofibromatosis occurs in both sexes and in all races and ethnic groups.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 5.259.

<sup>2</sup> Mayo Clinic, *Neurofibromatosis*, <http://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/neurofibromatosis/home/ovc-20167893>.

<sup>3</sup> National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, *Neurofibromatosis Fact Sheet*, [http://www.ninds.nih.gov/disorders/neurofibromatosis/detail\\_neurofibromatosis.htm](http://www.ninds.nih.gov/disorders/neurofibromatosis/detail_neurofibromatosis.htm).

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## HISTORY

### ACTION

### DATE

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