



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

## Bill Analysis

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### H.B. 490

131st General Assembly  
(As Introduced)

**Reps.** Terhar and T. Johnson, Blessing, Huffman, Rogers, Schaffer, Sprague, Sweeney

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## BILL SUMMARY

- Designates January 31 as "Omphalocele Awareness Day."

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## CONTENT AND OPERATION

### Omphalocele Awareness Day

The bill designates January 31 as "Omphalocele Awareness Day" to raise public awareness and encourage medical research on this birth defect.<sup>1</sup> Omphalocele is a birth defect of the abdominal wall that causes an infant's intestines, liver, or other organs stick outside of the belly through the belly button. The organs are covered in a thin, nearly transparent sac that hardly ever is open or broken. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that each year about 775 babies in the United States are born with an omphalocele. The causes of omphalocele among most infants are unknown.<sup>2</sup>

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## HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	03-16-16

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 5.234.

<sup>2</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *Facts about Omphalocele*, <http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/birthdefects/omphalocele.html> (last updated November 17, 2015).