



# OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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## Bill Analysis

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### **Am. S.B. 23\***

132nd General Assembly

(As Reported by S. Health, Human Services & Medicaid)

Sen. Terhar

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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 to 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 about 775 babies in the United States are born with an omphalocele each year. The causes of omphalocele among most infants are unknown.<sup>2</sup>

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\* This analysis was prepared before the report of the Senate Health, Human Services & Medicaid Committee appeared in the Senate Journal. Note that the list of co-sponsors and the legislative history may be incomplete.

<sup>1</sup> R.C. 5.2510.

<sup>2</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, *Facts about Omphalocele*, available at <http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/birthdefects/omphalocele.html>.

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## HISTORY

### ACTION

### DATE

Introduced  
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