



# OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

## Bill Analysis

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### H.B. 485

132nd General Assembly  
(As Introduced)

Rep. Antani

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## BILL SUMMARY

- Designates January 30 as "Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy Awareness Day" and names the act "Cody's Law."

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## CONTENT AND OPERATION

### Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy Awareness Day

The bill designates the 30th day of January as "Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy Awareness Day."<sup>1</sup> It also designates the act as "Cody's Law" or the "Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy Awareness Day Act."<sup>2</sup>

Chronic traumatic encephalopathy, or CTE, is the term used to describe brain degeneration likely caused by repeated head traumas.<sup>3</sup> CTE is a diagnosis that can only be made at autopsy, after examining sections of the brain. Researchers do not yet know the frequency of CTE or understand its causes. At present, there is no cure for the condition. Common symptoms include memory loss, confusion, impaired judgment, impulse control problems, aggression, depression, suicidality, parkinsonism, and progressive dementia.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 5.2512.

<sup>2</sup> Section 2 of the bill.

<sup>3</sup> Mayo Clinic, *Chronic traumatic encephalopathy*, available at <https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/chronic-traumatic-encephalopathy/symptoms-causes/syc-20370921>.

<sup>4</sup> Boston University School of Medicine, CTE Center, *Frequently Asked Questions about CTE*, available at <https://www.bu.edu/cte/about/frequently-asked-questions/>.

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## HISTORY

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