

HOUSE BILL No. 5469

November 28, 2007, Introduced by Reps. Hildenbrand and Bieda and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to establish Rett syndrome awareness week in the state of Michigan.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. The legislature declares that the first week in
2 October of each year is Rett syndrome awareness week in this state
3 and encourages academic institutions to educate and inspire
4 children about Rett syndrome.

5 Sec. 2. (1) The legislature recognizes that Rett syndrome is a
6 neurological disorder found almost exclusively in girls and is
7 found to affect girls of all nationalities. Although public
8 awareness is improving, this debilitating disease is absent in the
9 minds of the general public and the medical community.

10 (2) There are approximately 15,000 children in the United
11 States who suffer from Rett syndrome. While there is not a known

1 cure for this debilitating disease, there have been tremendous
2 strides made in recent years, which has brought renewed hope to the
3 families and friends of the afflicted.

4 (3) Through awareness, this disorder can be treated. To assist
5 in developing awareness, the legislature designates the first week
6 in October of each year as the Rett syndrome awareness week and
7 encourages all Michigan citizens to educate themselves about Rett
8 syndrome.