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Brenner, Johnson**

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**A BILL**

To amend section 5.2281 of the Revised Code to 1  
change the designation for "Ohio Deaf History 2  
Month" to the month of April. 3

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That section 5.2281 of the Revised Code be 4  
amended to read as follows: 5

**Sec. 5.2281.** The month of May is designated as "Better 6  
Hearing and Speech Month" to increase public awareness of 7  
communication disorders and to promote treatment to improve the 8  
quality of life of individuals who experience difficulty 9  
hearing, understanding, or speaking. 10

The fourteenth day of May is designated as "Childhood 11  
Apraxia of Speech Awareness Day" to increase public awareness 12  
about childhood apraxia of speech and to support the goals of 13  
better hearing and speech month. 14

~~The period beginning the thirteenth day of March and 15  
ending the fifteenth day month of April is designated as "Ohio 16  
Deaf History Month."~~ 17

**Section 2.** That existing section 5.2281 of the Revised Code is hereby repealed. 18  
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