

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG) is the leading cause of childhood death due to brain tumors and typically strikes school-age children between the ages of four and eleven. The "DIPG Across the Map Initiative," organized by Michael Mosier Defeat DIPG Foundation, coordinated families and foundations across the country to elevate awareness of this devastating childhood cancer. As a result, over 20 states currently recognize May 17th as Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma Awareness Day.

H.B. 2597 amends Subchapter C, Chapter 662, Government Code to add Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma Awareness Day to be observed every May 17. The companion bill is S.B. 1898.

H.B. 2597 amends current law relating to designating May 17 as Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma Awareness Day.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter C, Chapter 662, Government Code, by adding Section 662.071, as follows:

Sec. 662.071. DIFFUSE INTRINSIC PONTINE GLIOMA AWARENESS DAY. (a) Provides that May 17 is Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma Awareness Day to raise awareness about the prevalence and deadliness of diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma, a pediatric brain tumor.

(b) Requires Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma Awareness Day to be regularly observed by appropriate programs and activities.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2019.