

# 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.