

# Enrolled House Bill 2510

Sponsored by Representative SCHOUTEN; Representatives GREENLICK, HAYDEN, HERNANDEZ, KENY-GUYER, MARSH, MCLAIN, MITCHELL, NEARMAN, NOBLE, NOSSE, PILUSO, POST, PRUSAK, SOLLMAN, STARK, Senators GIROD, KNOPP, LINTHICUM, MONNES ANDERSON, STEINER HAYWARD, WAGNER (Presession filed.)

CHAPTER .....

## AN ACT

Relating to PANDAS/PANS Awareness Day; and declaring an emergency.

Whereas Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections (PANDAS) and Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome (PANS) create the sudden onset of Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD) in children, causing previously healthy and emotionally adjusted children to experience severe anxiety and emotional disturbances; and

Whereas unlike in ordinary cases of OCD, which often manifest gradually over an extended period of time, parents of children with PANDAS/PANS can often describe the exact day the child suddenly began exhibiting the symptoms of full-fledged OCD; and

Whereas children with PANDAS/PANS tend to manifest some of the following symptoms: intense fear or anxiety, tics, depression, behavioral regression, deterioration in school and learning performance, sensory sensitivities and severely restricted food intake; and

Whereas PANDAS/PANS can dramatically affect the healthy outcome of a child's life; and

Whereas a conservative estimate of prevalence is 162,000 cases in the United States alone, which would make PANDAS/PANS as common as pediatric cancer and pediatric diabetes; and

Whereas PANDAS/PANS is often misdiagnosed and undertreated, due in part to lack of awareness of the condition among both the general public and the medical community; and

Whereas researchers have begun to substantiate that PANDAS/PANS involves a misdirected autoimmune process that affects or weakens the blood brain barrier, and the inflammatory process irritates a region of the brain that manages a variety of functions such as movement, cognitive perception, habit, executive "logic-based" thinking, emotions and the endocrine system; and

Whereas treatment varies by the needs of the child, but it may include antibiotics, steroids, intravenous immunoglobulin (IVIG), plasmapheresis, cognitive behavioral therapy and anti-inflammatory medications; and

Whereas the National Institute of Mental Health and other scientific and medical entities are currently engaged in research and testing on how to most effectively treat PANDAS/PANS; and

Whereas it is imperative, as a matter of public health, that more be done to respond to PANDAS/PANS at the local, state and national levels; and

Whereas children with PANDAS/PANS and their families would benefit from additional research and increased awareness of this condition; now, therefore,

**Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

**SECTION 1. October 9 of each year is designated as PANDAS/PANS Awareness Day.**

**SECTION 2.** This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect on its passage.

**Passed by House March 18, 2019**

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Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

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Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

**Passed by Senate April 24, 2019**

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Peter Courtney, President of Senate

**Received by Governor:**

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**Approved:**

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Kate Brown, Governor

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Bev Clarno, Secretary of State