
**State Government & Tribal Relations
Committee**

HB 2847

Brief Description: Recognizing the ninth day of October as PANDAS/PANS awareness day.

Sponsors: Representatives Thai, Rude, Davis, Fey, Slatter, Doglio, Ryu, Chopp, Stonier and Morgan.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Recognizes October 9 as PANDAS and PANS Awareness Day.

Hearing Date: 2/12/20

Staff: Carrington Skinner (786-7192).

Background:

Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections (PANDAS) and Pediatric Acute-Onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome (PANS) cause the sudden onset of a variety of symptoms in children that may include obsessive-compulsive disorder, tics, anxiety, and other emotional and behavioral disturbances. The onset of PANDAS symptoms typically follows a strep infection. Symptoms of PANS may be triggered by other infections or environmental factors.

Treatment may include antibiotics and other medications as well as cognitive behavioral therapy. The National Institute of Mental Health and other scientific and medical entities are engaged in research and testing how to most effectively treat PANDAS and PANS.

Washington recognizes 10 specific days and all Sundays as state legal holidays, including Independence Day, Native American Heritage Day, and Christmas Day. Another 17 specific days are recognized by the Legislature but are not considered legal holidays. These days include Korean-American Day, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, and Public Lands Day.

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Summary of Bill:

The ninth of October is legislatively recognized as PANDAS and PANS Awareness Day.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.