

Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability

HB 259 — Special Observances

by Rep. Gerwig and others (SB 214 by Senator Polsky)

The bill designates August 21 of each year as “Fentanyl Awareness and Education Day” to increase awareness of the dangers of fentanyl and potential overdoses.

The bill encourages specific state agencies, local governments, public schools, and other agencies to sponsor events to promote awareness of fentanyl’s dangers, community resources for drug prevention, and substance use and abuse generally.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor’s signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2025.

Vote: Senate 36-0; House 106-0