



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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Am. H.B. 361*

131st General Assembly
(As Reported by H. Local Government)

Reps. Brenner, Arndt, Becker, Blessing, Dever, Hambley, K. Smith

BILL SUMMARY

- Authorizes boards of township trustees and boards of park commissioners of township park districts to expend certain funds for the public purpose of presenting community events open to the public in their parks and at other recreational facilities.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Township funds used for community events

The bill authorizes boards of township trustees and boards of park commissioners of township park districts to expend certain funds for the purpose of presenting community events open to the public in their parks and at other recreational facilities. Under continuing law, boards of township trustees and boards of park commissioners may establish public parks.¹ And, a body or board vested with authority by the board of township trustees may maintain parks, playgrounds, playfields, gymnasiums, public baths, swimming pools, or indoor recreation centers.² The bill authorizes boards of township trustees and boards of park commissioners to expend funds from revenues derived from property taxes levied for parks and recreational purposes to present community events open to the public at township parks and

* This analysis was prepared before the report of the House Local Government Committee appeared in the House Journal. Note that the list of co-sponsors and the legislative history may be incomplete.

¹ R.C. 505.261 and 511.23.

² R.C. 755.13.

recreational facilities.³ The bill specifies that the expenditure of funds for community events open to the public in township parks and other recreational facilities is a public purpose. It is a well-established principle that the expenditure of public moneys must be in furtherance of public purposes.⁴

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	10-07-15
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³ R.C. 505.261, last paragraph, 511.23(H), and 755.13(B). "Community events" is not defined for purposes of the bill.

⁴ 76 Oh Jur Public Funds § 67.

