

HB 1445 -- PUBLIC FUNDING OF STADIUMS

SPONSOR: Eggleston

This bill prohibits the expenditure of General Revenue funds for professional sports stadiums and related projects unless approved by a vote of the people. The bill does not apply to bond funding authorized by the constitution of this state. The bill also specifically prohibits the state and political subdivisions from passing subsidies, tax credits, tax deductions, and tax exemptions unless approved by a vote of the people.

The bill contains a contingent effective clause requiring 29 specified states out of a set of 32 to enact substantially similar legislation. The Attorney General shall initially make a determination on this condition, but it will ultimately be subject to de novo review in the courts and all citizens of the state shall have standing to challenge the use of public monies in violation of the bill.

This bill is similar to HB 352 (2017).