



# OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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## Bill Analysis

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### **H.B. 761**

132nd General Assembly  
(As Introduced)

**Reps.** Brinkman and Becker, Henne, Dean

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### **BILL SUMMARY**

- Requires a convention and visitors' bureau to open to the public its meeting minutes and records regarding financial and vendor payment information if a member of the bureau's board of trustees is also an elected or appointed official in a county, township, or municipal corporation that has levied a hotel lodging excise tax.
  - Requires a bureau to comply with the Public Records Law when the bureau makes available any records regarding financial and vendor payment information.
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### **CONTENT AND OPERATION**

#### **Convention and visitors' bureau information to be made public**

Current law allows elected and appointed officials of a county, township, or municipal corporation that has levied a hotel lodging excise tax, or the official's designee, to simultaneously serve in their respective position and as a member or officer of the board of trustees of a convention and visitors' bureau.<sup>1</sup> (A convention and visitors' bureau is a private nonprofit corporation that may receive public funds appropriated by local governments and may benefit from the levy of a hotel lodging excise tax.)

The bill requires a bureau's board of trustees to make meeting and financial records available to the public if the board has at least one member who is simultaneously serving as an elected or appointed official in a county, township, or municipal corporation that has levied a hotel lodging excise tax. The board must promptly prepare, file, and maintain the minutes of each meeting of the board and open

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 3.111(A).

the minutes to public inspection.<sup>2</sup> A bureau's meeting minutes are not subject to the Public Records Law. However, the board must make available for inspection all records regarding financial information and vendor payments according to the Public Records Law.

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## HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	11-01-18

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<sup>2</sup> R.C. 3.111(B).

