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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Version: As Introduced

Primary Sponsors: Reps. Deeter and Click

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The bill may result in a slight reduction in court workload and minimal related administrative savings for courts of common pleas through its creation of a defense against nuisance claims against racetracks and racing facilities.
- Counties and townships may experience minimal administrative savings from reduced nuisance-related activity and from no longer adopting or enforcing resolutions that conflict with the bill's provisions.

Detailed Analysis

The bill has no fiscal effect on the state and minimal fiscal effect on political subdivisions. It may result in a small reduction in trial court workload because the bill creates a complete defense to certain nuisance actions involving racing facilities and racetracks, leading to fewer filings or earlier case resolution. Counties and townships may also see some minimal administrative savings, as the bill could reduce nuisance-related complaint activity and eliminates the need to adopt or enforce local resolutions that conflict with the bill's provisions. Overall, any remaining fiscal effects on state or local governments are expected to be negligible.

The bill creates a complete defense of certain nuisance actions involving racing facilities and racetracks when specific conditions are met, including that the claimant acquired or developed property after the racetrack existed and that the claim is based on ordinary racetrack activity. It also prohibits counties and townships from adopting or enforcing conflicting local resolutions and does not alter environmental or safety regulatory obligations. For more details, please see the [LSC bill analysis](#).