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**Representatives Hillyer, Baldrige**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Becker, Carfagna, Ghanbari, Ginter, Hambley,  
Jones, Lang, Riedel, Seitz, Stein**

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**A BILL**

To enact section 109.141 of the Revised Code to 1  
allow the Attorney General to defend political 2  
subdivisions in certain actions brought under 3  
the First Amendment to the United States 4  
Constitution or analogous provisions of the Ohio 5  
Constitution. 6

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That section 109.141 of the Revised Code be 7  
enacted to read as follows: 8

**Sec. 109.141.** Notwithstanding any contrary provision of 9  
the Revised Code, with the consent of the legislative authority 10  
of a political subdivision, the attorney general may defend, or 11  
appoint and authorize special counsel to defend, the political 12  
subdivision in any action brought against the political 13  
subdivision for maintaining a historical symbol or monument on 14  
public property on the ground that maintaining the symbol or 15  
monument violates the establishment clause of the first 16  
amendment to the United States Constitution or an analogous 17  
provision of Section 7 of Article I, Ohio Constitution. 18