

HB 369 -- Tax Credits for Sports Facilities

Sponsor: Hough

The bill creates a refundable income and financial institutions tax credit which may be available for sports commissions, certain nonprofit organizations, counties, and municipalities to offset expenses incurred in attracting amateur sporting events to the state. Applicants for the tax credit must submit game support contracts to the Department of Economic Development for approval. The tax credit will be equal to the lesser of \$5 for each admission ticket sold for the event or 100% of eligible expenses incurred. No more than \$3 million in tax credits may be issued per fiscal year. The tax credits are fully transferrable, provided a notarized endorsement is filed with the department. The department is prohibited from certifying game support contracts after August 28, 2019, but may certify game support contracts prior to that date for games to be held after August 28, 2019.

The bill also creates an income, financial institutions, and corporate franchise tax credit equal to 50% of an eligible donation made, on or after January 1, 2013, to a certified sponsor or local organizing committee for the purpose of attracting sporting events to the state. The tax credit is non-refundable, but may be carried forward four years. The tax credit is transferable. Certified sponsors and local organizing committees may on behalf of taxpayers apply to the department for the tax credits. Applications for tax credits must be accompanied by payment in an amount equal to the tax credits requested. The department is prohibited from issuing more than \$10 million in tax credits each fiscal year.

The provisions of the bill will expire six years from the effective date.