



2023-2024 General Assembly

SENATE BILL 382:
Disaster Relief-3/Budget/Various Law Changes,
Sec. 3H.1:
Major Events, Games, and Attractions Fund
Modifications; Clarify Local School
Administrative Units as Eligible Recipients of
Sports Wagering Tax Proceeds Distributions

Committee: Date: December 13, 2024
Introduced by: Prepared by: Bill Patterson
Analysis of: Sec. 3H.1 of S.L. 2024-57 Staff Attorney

OVERVIEW: Section 3H.1 of S.L. 2024-57 makes the following changes to the criteria that must be met to receive grant funding from the Major Events, Games and Attractions Fund:

- Subsection (a) of this section allows a facility that has hosted an Association of Tennis Professionals event within the preceding 12 months to be an eligible location for an event for which a grant is awarded from the North Carolina Major Events, Games, and Attractions Fund.
Subsection (b) eliminates the requirement that to be eligible for grant funding, an event must be held at only one location in the State, and the total benefits of the event to the State must outweigh its cost.
Subsection (c) clarifies that local school administrative units are eligible grant recipients.

This bill was vetoed by the Governor on November 26, 2024, and the veto was overridden by the General Assembly on December 11, 2024. This section of the act became effective December 11, 2024. Subsections (a) and (b) apply to multiparty agreements entered into between the Department of Commerce and site selection organizations and local entities on or after December 11, 2024.

CURRENT LAW: The North Carolina Major Events, Games, and Attractions Fund ("Fund"), administered by the Department of Commerce, provides grants to cities, counties, and local organizing committees to attract major events to the State that will stimulate economic activity and create jobs.

The following are among the requirements for a Fund grant:

- The event must either be sponsored by one of five specified sports associations1 or must be held at a sports facility as defined in Article 90 (Sports Wagering) of Chapter 18C (North Carolina State Lottery).
The site selected for the event must be the event's sole location within this State.
The Department of Commerce must find that the total benefits of the event to the State outweigh its costs.

1 The eligible sponsoring associations are the National Association for Stock Car Racing, the Ladies Professional Golf Association, the Professional Golfers' Association of America, the PGA Tour, and the United States Golf Association.

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- Grant awards can only be given to applicants who are either local governments or tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organizations.

Subsection (a) of Section 3H.1 expands the eligible locations for events to be promoted with Fund grants to include a facility that has hosted an event sponsored by the Association of Tennis Professionals within the preceding twelve months. Subsection (b) eliminates the requirement that the event be held at a single location within the State and the requirement that the total benefits of the event to the State outweigh its costs. Subsection (c) clarifies that local school administrative units may be the recipients of Fund grants.

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