



**S.B. 157**

124th General Assembly  
(As Passed by the Senate)

Sens. White, Mumper

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**BILL SUMMARY**

- Increases from \$1,000 to \$15,000 the amount a township can spend to construct, rebuild, or repair footbridges across rivers and streams to access public schools.

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**CONTENT AND OPERATION**

**Existing township authority to construct, rebuild, and repair footbridges to access public schools**

Under existing law, a board of township trustees may construct, rebuild, and repair footbridges across rivers and streams when necessary *to provide access to public schools in the township*. The cost to construct, rebuild, or repair a footbridge may not exceed \$1,000. (Sec. 505.46.) (See **COMMENT.**)

The cost may be paid from any funds in a township treasury that have not been appropriated for any other purpose. If these funds are not available, the board may levy a tax upon all taxable township property for the purpose of constructing, rebuilding, or repairing a footbridge accessing public schools in the township. The tax cannot be levied, however, until approved by a majority of the township voters voting on the question (sec. 505.47, not in the bill).

**Change proposed by the bill**

The bill increases from \$1,000 to \$15,000 the maximum allowable cost for the construction, rebuilding, or repair of any footbridge providing access to township public schools across rivers and streams (sec. 505.46).

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## COMMENT

Section 505.26 of the Revised Code (not in the bill) confers, among other things, authority upon township trustees to construct, improve, rebuild, and repair bridges over streets, streams, railroads, or other places where an overhead roadway or footway is necessary. This section of law is not limited to bridges providing access to public schools and does not establish a monetary limit on the allowable cost of the project.

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## HISTORY

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