

# ***Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement***

*123<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly of Ohio*

**BILL:** Am. Sub. H.B. 19

**DATE:** May 12, 1999

**STATUS:** As Passed by the House

**SPONSOR:** Rep. Schuler

**LOCAL IMPACT STATEMENT REQUIRED:** No — Permissive

**CONTENTS:** Requires the instrument by which the state acquires property to identify the beneficiary agency; allows the board of park commissioners of a metropolitan park to sell lands for conservation, park, or recreation purposes in accordance with specified procedures

## ***State Fiscal Highlights***

<b>STATE FUND</b>	<b>FY 2000</b>	<b>FY 2001</b>	<b>FUTURE YEARS</b>
<b>General Revenue Fund</b>			
Revenues	Potential gain of assets	Potential gain of assets	Potential gain of assets
Expenditures	Potential increase	Potential increase	Potential increase

- The state may purchase land from metropolitan park districts for conservation or for parks or recreation purposes in certain cases.

## ***Local Fiscal Highlights***

<b>LOCAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>FY 1999</b>	<b>FY 2000</b>	<b>FUTURE YEARS</b>
<b>Metropolitan Park Districts</b>			
Revenues	- 0 -	Potential increase; potential loss of assets	Potential increase; potential loss of assets
Expenditures	- 0 -	Potential decrease	Potential decrease
<b>Other Political Subdivisions</b>			
Revenues	- 0 -	Potential gain of assets	Potential gain of assets
Expenditures	- 0 -	Potential increase	Potential increase

- Metropolitan park districts would be authorized to sell park lands to certain governmental entities, regardless of the purposes for which the lands were acquired, if the land will be used for conservation, park, or recreation purposes. In addition, if there is only one offer to purchase the land in the 60-day period after the park district has sent written notice to the public agencies, the board need not hold a public hearing on the offer.
- If metropolitan park districts sell land, they may gain revenues and reduce operating expenses.
- Park districts and political subdivisions would be allowed to purchase land from park districts for conservation or for parks or recreation purposes in certain cases.



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## ***Detailed Fiscal Analysis***

### **Conveyance Documents Identifying the Beneficiary Agency**

This legislation would require that any instrument by which the state or a state agency acquires an interest in real property identify the agency that would benefit from the acquisition. Only new acquisitions would be subject to the bill. Since no additional property rights would be gained through this bill, there is no fiscal effect on the state or on local entities.

### **Authorization of Conveyance of Park District Lands**

Metropolitan park districts would be allowed to sell land to the state, federal government, park districts and other Ohio political subdivisions for conservation or for parks or recreation purposes. Currently the park commissioners may sell or dispose of the lands only for the use that was intended upon the acquisition of the park lands. The park district attempting to sell its lands would be required to send written notice to park districts in the same or adjacent political subdivision, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, and the U.S. Department of the Interior (or other state or federal agencies that operate parks, conservation, or recreation areas near the land). If there is only one offer to purchase the land in the 60-day period after the park district has sent written notice to those agencies, the board need not hold a public hearing on the offer. If there is more than one offer, the board must hold a public hearing on the offers. After the hearings, the board may accept any of the offers that would result in the best public use of the land.

Any such conveyances could increase revenues for the seller park district and cause a loss of assets for the district. Any governmental unit obtaining the park lands could increase expenditures and gain assets.

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