Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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STATUS:	**As Reported by House Local and Municipal Government & Urban Revitalization**	SPONSOR:	**Rep. Hottinger**

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

CONTENTS: **Permits land acquired by a board of township trustees for the purpose of protecting or preserving "greenspace" to be used for recreational purposes**

State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- The bill permits land acquired by a board of township trustees for the purpose of protecting or preserving "greenspace" to be used for recreational purposes if no building, structure, or fixture used for recreational purposes is permanently attached or affixed to the land. The cost, if any, to a township of making land, with no structure permanently affixed to it, available for recreational use appears likely to be small and would be at the discretion of the board of trustees.
- The bill appears to have no direct fiscal effect on other units of local government.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill permits land acquired by a board of township trustees for the purpose of protecting or preserving "greenspace" to be used for recreational purposes if no building, structure, or fixture used for recreational purposes is permanently attached or affixed to the land. The term "protecting or preserving 'greenspace'" is defined in current law to include "protecting and preserving the natural, scenic, open, or wooded condition of the land, water, or wetlands against modification or encroachment resulting from occupation, development, or other use." The cost, if any, to a township of making land, with no structure permanently affixed to it, available for recreational use subject to such restrictions appears likely to be small and would be at the discretion of the board of trustees. The bill appears to impose no cost on other units of local government or on the state.

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