



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

SB2596

Introduced 10/18/2023, by Sen. Robert Peters

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Fan-Funded Stadium Act. Provides that, if any professional sports team (i) uses a tax-supported facility for most of its home games during the regular season of the professional sports league in which the team participates and (ii) receives financial assistance from the State or a political subdivision of the State, then that professional sports team shall not cease playing most of its home games at the tax-supported facility and begin playing most of its home games elsewhere unless the owner of the professional sports team enters into an agreement with the municipality in which the tax-supported facility is located permitting the team to play most of its home games elsewhere or gives the municipality in which the facility is located not less than 6 months' advance notice of the owner's intention for the team to cease playing most of its home games at the facility and gives the municipality or any individual or group of individuals who reside in the area the opportunity to purchase the team.

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1 AN ACT concerning sports facilities.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 Fan-Funded Stadium Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

7 "Government subsidy" means a method of financing the
8 construction or renovation of a tax-supported facility using
9 State or municipal bonds, tax exemptions, or direct payments
10 of public moneys.

11 "Tax-supported facility" means a sports stadium located in
12 the State that is constructed or renovated, in whole or in
13 part, using a government subsidy, whether that construction or
14 renovation occurred before, on, or after the effective date of
15 this Act.

16 Section 10. Professional sports teams; home games. If any
17 professional sports team (i) uses a tax-supported facility for
18 most of its home games during the regular season of the
19 professional sports league in which the team participates and
20 (ii) receives financial assistance from the State or a
21 political subdivision of the State, then that professional
22 sports team shall not cease playing most of its home games at

1 the tax-supported facility and begin playing most of its home
2 games elsewhere unless the owner of the professional sports
3 team either:

4 (1) enters into an agreement with the municipality in
5 which the tax-supported facility is located permitting the
6 team to play most of its home games elsewhere; or

7 (2) gives the municipality in which the facility is
8 located not less than 6 months' advance notice of the
9 owner's intention for the team to cease playing most of
10 its home games at the facility and, during the 6 months
11 after that notice, gives the municipality or any
12 individual or group of individuals who reside in the area
13 the opportunity to purchase the team.

14 Section 15. Enforcement. If a professional sports team
15 does not comply with the provisions of this Act, then the
16 municipality in which the tax-supported facility is located
17 may file a complaint in the circuit court for the county in
18 which the tax-supported facility is located seeking injunctive
19 relief, actual damages, or both.