

# Bill Proposed To Clarify Legality Of Medical School Share In Funding

## Guyer Introduces Senate Measure On County Bond Issue

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COLUMBUS, July 1—A bill to allow the Toledo State Medical College to share proceeds of a proposed county hospital bond issue was introduced yesterday in the Ohio Senate.

The sponsor, Sen. Tennyson Guyer (R., Findlay), said the measure is sought by medical school trustees to clear up doubts about the legality of their participation in such a venture.

He said legislative approval is needed by July 14 if the medical school is to share in the bond issue Lucas County commissioners are contemplating putting on the November ballot.

The state Uniform Bond Act requires that a resolution for a bond issue as approved by county commissioners must be certified by the county auditor 110 days before the election, or July 14.

The funds would be used for a teaching hospital planned as part of the medical school.

Present law allows private hospitals to participate in such bond issues, but makes no mention of state medical colleges as participating institutions.

The bill would give the Toledo medical college and the Ohio State University college of medicine the right to representation on county hospital commissions and to acquire by lease a hospital facility built with public funds.

Sen. Frank King (D., Toledo), Senate minority leader, abstained from sponsorship of the bill but said he might support it later.

Senator King said the bill means that Lucas County residents will be asked to pay a share of constructing the medical school, which he feels should be financed mostly or entirely by the state and federal governments.

Construction cost is estimated at \$40.3 million for the medical school with a local share computed at up to \$8.5 million. Senator King has already announced his intention to seek \$7.5 million more from the new state bond issue now pending in the Legislature to pay most or all of the local share.

The bond issue bill already contains \$7.5 million for the medical school.

Should the additional state funds be granted, Senator King added, he could support the new bill introduced today.

Also, Senator King said, he wants to make sure, if possible, that the teaching hospital belongs to the medical school.

### Added Funds Urged For Teaching Hospital

In a meeting today of the House Finance Committee, Rep. Marigene Valiquette (D., Toledo) suggested that the proposed \$7.5 million appropriation for a basic and clinical science facility at the medical school be doubled to include funds for the teaching hospital.

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Dr. John Millett, chancellor for the board of regents, replied that, unquestionably, further funds for the medical school are going to be needed, but cannot be appropriated until the college trustees hire a dean, arrange affiliations with existing hospitals, and make plans for the teaching hospital.

Besides, he added, all the higher education money from the two general state bond issues has been earmarked, so any increased medical school appropriation would have to be taken away from some other project.

"The \$7.5 million is just a start—we recognize it is only a start—but we can't go further until plans are completed. It takes a long time to get a medical school started," he said.

Rep. Robert Reckman (R., Cincinnati) asked Miss Valiquette which projects should be cut to get the additional funds.

"We have all weekend to think about that," she replied.

The committee took no action on her request.