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Can They Do That? Ohio Senators Propose Novel, if Questionable, Browns Stadium Funding Plan.

Ohio Republicans largely agree that shelling out $600 million to fund a new Cleveland Browns stadium is a good idea. They just disagree on how to pay for it. Gov. Mike DeWine proposed increasing the taxes on gambling and Ohio House lawmakers favored issuing state bonds.

State senators thought way outside the box.

Every state oversees unclaimed funds — think old security deposits, uncashed checks, or even bank accounts. The state acts as a custodian for that money, holding it until the rightful owner comes forward to claim it.

According to the Ohio Department of Commerce, state officials are sitting on $4.8 billion in unclaimed funds.

State senators are now eyeing that money for stadium funding.

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