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## Bill Analysis

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### SUMMARY

Prohibits state institutions of higher education from reducing a student's institutional financial aid when a student receives one or more private scholarships unless a specified exception applies.

- Permits a state institution to reduce a student's institutional financial aid if the student's complete financial aid from all sources would exceed the cost of attendance or to comply with financial aid restrictions of an athletic association, conference, or group.

### DETAILED ANALYSIS

#### Financial aid reduction

The bill prohibits state institutions of higher education from reducing a student's institutional financial aid award simply because the student was also awarded a private scholarship, unless an exception applies. Under the bill, and state institution may reduce a student's institutional financial aid if the student's total financial aid from all sources would exceed the cost of attendance or the student participates in intercollegiate athletics. Under the bill, the cost of attendance is the average annual cost for a student to attend the student's college or university which includes instructional fees, general fees, room and board, books, supplies, and other expenses under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965.<sup>1</sup>

If a student's total financial aid exceeds the cost of attendance, the state institution may reduce the institutional financial aid award until the student's total financial aid no longer exceeds the cost of attendance.<sup>2</sup> If a student is involved with intercollegiate athletics, the state

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 3345.462(A).

<sup>2</sup> R.C. 3345.462(C).

institution may reduce the institutional financial aid award to comply with the requirements of the athletic association, conference, or group with authority over intercollegiate athletics, such as the National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA).<sup>3</sup>

Under the bill, “institutional financial aid” is the sum of all need-based and merit-based grants, scholarships, tuition waivers, and all other forms of financial assistance a student receives from the student’s college or university, excluding loans or work-study programs.<sup>4</sup> “Private scholarships” are scholarships awarded by a business, private foundation, nonprofit organization, or service group, but do not include awards from private organizations affiliated with a state institution of higher education where the state institution assisted with the selection of the award recipient.<sup>5</sup>

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## HISTORY

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<sup>3</sup> R.C. 3345.462(D).

<sup>4</sup> R.C. 3345.462(A)(2).

<sup>5</sup> R.C. 3345.462(A)(3).