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Bill Analysis
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Sen. Carnes

BILL SUMMARY

- Grants in-state tuition rates and subsidies at most institutions of higher education to residents of contiguous states who are employed in Ohio and whose employers contract to pay their tuition and fees.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

For purposes of the state instructional subsidy paid to state-assisted institutions of education, and the tuition and fee surcharges that these institutions impose on nonresidents, the bill grants resident status to any student who resides in a contiguous state and attends a state university, community college, technical college, university branch, or state community college in Ohio if:

(1) The student is employed in Ohio by a business, organization, or government agency located in Ohio; and

(2) The employer contracts with the institution of higher education to pay all of the student's tuition and fees directly to the institution and not to charge or seek any kind of reimbursement from the student for any part of the tuition and fees. The contract may permit the employer to pay tuition and fees at a group rate for its employees who reside in Ohio or in a state contiguous to Ohio, even if it results in the institution's receiving less tuition and fees per student than it would receive if it charged resident tuition and fees to each employee covered by the contract.

The bill does not extend to students attending the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine and the Medical College of Ohio at Toledo.

COMMENT

R.C. 3333.17 of existing law authorizes the Ohio Board to Regents to enter into reciprocity agreements with any state contiguous to Ohio under which each state agrees to charge, to the students of the other state, no higher tuition and fees for attending its state-assisted colleges and universities than the institutions charge residents of their own state. Each such agreement is subject to Controlling Board approval.

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