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Bill Analysis
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Sens. Carnes, Gardner, Kearns

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 group rates for its employees who reside in Ohio or in a state contiguous to Ohio. In the case of courses in which only students covered by the contract are enrolled, the rate may be less than the rate for in-state tuition and fees. In the case of courses in which students not covered by the contract as well as students who are covered by the contract are enrolled, the rate may not be less than the rate for in-state tuition and fees.

* *This analysis was prepared before the report of the Senate Finance and Financial Institutions Committee appeared in the Senate Journal. Note that the list of co-sponsors and the legislative history may be incomplete.*

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.

HISTORY

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