



## **H.B. 569**

124th General Assembly  
(As Introduced)

**Reps. Oakar, Carano, Koziura, Krupinski, Britton, Flannery, Perry, DeBose, Rhine, Fedor, Bocchieri, Cirelli**

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### **BILL SUMMARY**

- Prohibits a state university, university branch, community college, technical college, or state community college from increasing in-state undergraduate instructional and general fees for an academic year by more than 7% (for universities) or 5% (for community and technical colleges) unless certain conditions are satisfied.
- Specifies that the conditions that must be met include (1) requesting the fee increase from the Board of Regents, (2) the performance of an assessment by the Board of Regents as to the need and effect of the fee increase, and (3) the submission of the assessment and request to the Governor and General Assembly.
- Provides that the General Assembly, by concurrent resolution, can disapprove a proposed fee increase above the specified percentages.
- Makes an appropriation to the Board of Regents and an \$89 million transfer from the Budget Stabilization Fund to the General Revenue Fund to support the appropriation.

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### **CONTENT AND OPERATION**

#### **Increasing tuition and fees above certain percentages in state academic institutions**

The bill specifies that the board of trustees of each state university and university branch district is prohibited from increasing the combined in-state undergraduate instructional and general fees for an academic year over the amounts of such fees charged in the prior academic year more than 7%, and that the board of trustees of each community college district, technical college district,

and state community college district is prohibited from increasing the combined in-state undergraduate instructional and general fees for an academic year over the amounts of such fees charged in the prior academic year more than 5%, unless all of the following are satisfied:<sup>1</sup>

(1) The board of trustees first submits a request for an increase in excess of the percentage limit to the Ohio Board of Regents;

(2) The Board of Regents assesses the need for the proposed increase as well as the effect of the proposed increase on students and families; and

(3) Within 30 days of receiving the board of trustee's request, the Board of Regents submits the request and its assessment of the request to the Governor and the General Assembly. (Sec. 3345.012(B).)

The bill provides that proposed increase in excess of the percentage limit takes effect 90 days after the Board of Regents submits the request to the Governor and the General Assembly, unless the General Assembly disapproves the request by concurrent resolution. (Sec. 3345.012(C).)

The bill specifies that it applies to the 2003-2004 academic year and to every academic year thereafter (sec. 3345.012(A)(2)).

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## HISTORY

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<sup>1</sup> *The Ohio Board of Regents must determine how the term "academic year" applies for purposes of the bill (sec. 3345.012(A)(1)(a)).*