



## **H.B. 10**

125th General Assembly  
(As Introduced)

**Rep. Redfern**

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### **BILL SUMMARY**

- Establishes a 6% per year limit on the annual increase in undergraduate in-state tuition and fees that a state-assisted university or college board of trustees may charge.

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### **CONTENT AND OPERATION**

The board of trustees of each four-year state university and of each two-year branch university, community college, technical college, or state community college annually sets the instructional and general fees that are charged to students enrolled in its respective institution. Currently there is no limitation on the amount of these fees that may be charged. The bill establishes a limit on the amount that these boards may increase the fees from one year to the next, beginning with the 2003-2004 academic year. Under the bill, each year a board of trustees is prohibited from raising the combined in-state undergraduate instructional and general fees for its institution more than 6% from the previous year. In addition, a board may not authorize an increase greater than 4% in any single vote of the board. If a board has voted to make increases in its combined in-state undergraduate instructional and general fees greater than the amount permitted under the bill prior to the effective date of the bill, the board must reduce those fees so that they comply with the bill's provisions.<sup>1</sup>

The bill also provides that its limitations on fee increases do not apply to increases in compliance with certain covenants or unfunded legal mandates, legally binding obligations, or commitments made by the board prior to the effective date of the bill, for which the board had identified specified fee increases as the source of funds. The bill further authorizes the Board of Regents, with

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<sup>1</sup> *R.C. 3345.02(B) and (C).*

approval of the Controlling Board, to modify the bill's limitations in order to respond to "exceptional circumstances."<sup>2</sup>

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## HISTORY

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<sup>2</sup> R.C. 3345.02(D) and (E).