



**S.B. 16**

125th General Assembly  
(As Introduced)

**Sen. Coughlin**

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**BILL SUMMARY**

- Establishes limitations on the annual increase in undergraduate in-state instructional and general fees that a state university board of trustees may charge.

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**CONTENT AND OPERATION**

The board of trustees of each state university annually sets the instructional and general fees that are charged to students enrolled in its respective institution.<sup>1</sup> Currently there is no limitation on the amount of these fees that may be charged. The bill establishes limitations on the amount the combined university main campus in-state undergraduate instructional and general fees may be increased from one academic year to the next, beginning with the 2003-2004 academic year. The limitation for any particular school depends upon the fees the school currently is charging, as follows:

<b>Amount of combined full-time undergraduate in-state instructional and general fees currently charged</b>	<b>Maximum fee increase, per academic year</b>
\$7,100 or more	\$350
at least \$6,000 but less than \$7,100	\$400
less than \$6,000	\$450

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<sup>1</sup> The 13 state universities are: University of Akron, Bowling Green State University, Central State University, University of Cincinnati, Cleveland State University, Kent State University, Miami University, Ohio University, Ohio State University, Shawnee State University, University of Toledo, Wright State University, and Youngstown State University (R.C. 3345.011).

If, prior to the effective date of the bill, a board has voted to make increases in its combined full-time in-state undergraduate instructional and general fees that are greater than the amount permitted under the bill, the board must reduce those fees so that they comply with the bill's provisions. The bill's limitations on fee increases do not apply, however, to increases that are required to comply with certain covenants related to obligations or to meet 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 such fee increases as the source of funds. Any increase required by those obligations, mandates, or commitments must be reported by the Ohio Board of Regents to the Controlling Board.

Lastly, the bill authorizes the Board of Regents, with approval of the Controlling Board, to modify the bill's limitations in order to respond to "exceptional circumstances." (R.C. 3345.02.)

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## **HISTORY**

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