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Bill Analysis
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Sen. Padgett

Rep. D. Evans

BILL SUMMARY

- Authorizes those technical colleges that are not co-located with another institution of higher education, to use general revenue or proceeds from the issuance of revenue bonds to acquire, construct, or maintain housing and dining facilities.
- Permits reappointment of a person to a board of trustees of a state university or the Medical College of Ohio at Toledo, but only after a period of four years has elapsed since the last day of the term for which the person previously served.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Obligations for housing and dining facilities

(R.C. 3357.112)

Current law prohibits technical college districts from using "available receipts" for the acquisition, construction, maintenance, or operation of housing and dining facilities. "Available receipts" generally means all moneys received by a technical college district, such as income, revenue, and receipts from fees and charges.¹ In addition, current law prohibits the districts from issuing revenue bonds to pay for all or part of the costs of housing and dining facilities. Revenue bonds are debt obligations that are secured by revenue generated by specific projects or operations rather than by tax revenue or, in this case, state appropriations. For purposes of both prohibitions, "housing and dining facilities" means buildings, structures, and other improvements used for or in connection

¹ R.C. 3345.12, not in the bill.

with dormitories or *related* dining halls.² (Districts currently are authorized to issue revenue bonds for education and auxiliary facilities.)

The bill eliminates both of these prohibitions in instances where the technical college is not co-located with another institution of higher education. Consequently, such technical college districts may use available receipts and revenue bond proceeds for costs associated with housing and dining facilities.

Reappointment to a board of trustees of a state university or the Medical College of Ohio at Toledo

(R.C. 3335.02, 3337.01, 3339.01, 3341.02, 3343.02, 3344.01, 3350.01, 3352.01, 3356.01, 3359.01, 3360.01, 3361.01, and 3362.01)

The governments of the various state-supported universities and the Medical College of Ohio at Toledo are vested in the boards of trustees of those institutions.³ Current law provides that trustees may serve a nine-year term. At the conclusion of that term, if the trustee has served all nine years or more than six years of the term, the trustee may not be reappointed.⁴ The bill permits reappointment, but only after a period of four years has elapsed since the last day of the term for which the person previously served.

HISTORY

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² R.C. 3345.12.

³ *Those universities are: Ohio State University, Ohio University, Miami University, Bowling Green State University, Kent State University, Central State University, Cleveland State University, Wright State University, Youngstown State University, University of Akron, University of Toledo, University of Cincinnati, and Shawnee State University.*

⁴ *Each Board of Trustees, except for the Medical College of Ohio at Toledo, has student members. Student trustee terms of office are only for two years.*