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BILL SUMMARY

- When the Governor orders budget cuts due to a deficit, exempts a state university from reductions in per pupil funding if the university does not increase instructional and general fees for Ohio residents by more than the rate of inflation.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Currently, if the Governor determines that the available revenue receipts and balances for the GRF (or for any other fund) for the current fiscal year will in all probability be less than the appropriations for the year, the Governor must order state agencies to reduce expenditures and incurred obligations accordingly (R.C. 126.05, not in the bill).

The bill prohibits the Ohio Board of Regents, whenever the Governor orders the Board to reduce expenditures under this authority, from reducing the per pupil amount of state subsidies allocated for the fiscal year to any state university that, for the current academic year, increased its combined instructional and general fees charged to Ohio residents at a rate not exceeding the rate of inflation. The rate of inflation is to be measured by the rate of change in the consumer price index (all urban consumer, all items) prepared by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor for the 12-month period ending on the last day of the prior academic year.

The term "**academic year**" is to be defined by the Board of Regents for purposes of this section. "**State university**" means the 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. 126.051.)

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