



## *Synopsis of House Committee Amendments\**

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### **Sub. S.B. 172**

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- Prohibits the Ohio Tuition Trust Authority from directly investing funds held in Variable College Savings Program accounts.
- Provides that rules governing the Variable Program be no more restrictive than is necessary for the program to qualify for favorable federal tax treatment conferred on such plans.
- Eliminates the power of the Authority to specify a minimum holding period before a Variable Program account may be terminated, or to limit the extent of rollovers from a Variable Program account to another state's Section 529 plan.
- Specifically requires the Ohio Tuition Trust Authority to terminate the Guaranteed College Savings Program if the Ohio Tuition Trust Fund becomes actuarially unsound and if adjustments in the price of tuition units are unlikely to restore soundness.
- Removes proposed language allowing the Authority to determine the amount of Guaranteed Program refunds for miscellaneous reasons on the basis of how the refund amount affects the actuarial soundness of the program.
- Requires the Authority to wait at least six years before closing a Guaranteed Program account that has not been used over that period, and requires any account balances remaining unclaimed to be disposed of as other unclaimed funds under state law, rather than being retained by the Authority.
- Expressly limits the amount of fees that may be charged under the Variable Program to those needed to defray expenses of the program after netting out fees paid by investment agents.
- Requires disclosure of all fees and other charges imposed on account owners.

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\* This synopsis does not address amendments that may have been adopted on the House floor.

- Expressly requires the Authority, when investing Guaranteed Program funds, to consider the integrity of the state's finances and the benefits to account owners and beneficiaries.

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