



## *Synopsis of Senate Committee Amendments\**

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### **Sub. H.B. 2**

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(S. Education)

Requires the Governor to appoint the Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents within 30 days after the bill's (immediate) effective date.

Prohibits an appointee for Chancellor from assuming any duties until the Senate has consented to the Chancellor's appointment. The current Chancellor may exercise the transferred powers until the Senate confirms the initial gubernatorial appointment.

Specifies a five-year term for the Chancellor with eligibility for reappointment (rather than the Chancellor serving at the pleasure of the Governor, as in the House version). The five-year term begins on the day the Senate confirms the Governor's initial appointee.

Permits the Governor to remove the Chancellor only for (1) inefficiency or dereliction of duty, (2) a violation of the Ethics Law, (3) failure to file a financial disclosure statement with the Ohio Ethics Commission or filing of a false one, or (4) corruption, and specifies that the removal does not require the advice and consent of the Senate.

Assigns the following new duties to the Chancellor: (1) adopting rules prescribing procedures for the Chancellor to follow when taking actions associated with the Chancellor's duties and responsibilities, (2) adopting rules prescribing the advisory duties of the Board of Regents, (3) requesting the Board to hold a public hearing on whether to recommend the elimination of a graduate program at a public institution of higher education prior to the Chancellor issuing a final recommendation, and (4) responding to requests for information about higher education from the General Assembly.

Shortens the terms of members of the Board of Regents to six years.

Requires the Board of Regents to meet at least quarterly.

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

Requires the Board of Regents to submit an annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the condition of higher education in Ohio and the performance of the Chancellor.

Declares an emergency.

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