



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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Reps. Koziura, Boose, Boyd, Brown, DeGeeter, Dodd, Domenick, Hagan, Harwood, Letson, Murray, Phillips, Pryor, Skindell, Ujvagi, B. Williams, Yuko

BILL SUMMARY

- Requires state universities to guarantee that a full-time undergraduate student with a declared major field of study can complete the required coursework in a specified time period.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

The bill requires state universities to guarantee that a full-time undergraduate student with a declared major field of study can complete the coursework required for the degree in a time period specified for that particular major.¹ The board of trustees of each state university must adopt rules to implement and satisfy the guarantee, including a provision ensuring that each university maintains reasonable course availability. Presumably once rules are adopted, if a student at a state university has a declared major and the university states that a full-time student can complete that major in four years, the university would be required to guarantee that the student could graduate within four years. (R.C. 3345.46.)

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	04-29-09

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¹ The 13 state universities are the University of Akron, Bowling Green State University, Central State University, the University of Cincinnati, Cleveland State University, Kent State University, Miami University, Ohio University, The Ohio State University, Shawnee State University, the University of Toledo, Wright State University, and Youngstown State University (R.C. 3345.011, not in the bill).