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This table summarizes how the latest substitute version of the bill differs from the immediately preceding version. It addresses only the topics on which the two versions differ substantively. It does not list topics on which the two bills are substantively the same.

Previous Version (As Introduced)	Latest Version (I_133_1161-3)
<b>General education course standard</b>	
Requires the Chancellor of Higher Education, in consultation with state universities, to develop a system within one year of the bill's effective date that establishes a standard for general education courses that each state university requires all of its students to complete ( <i>R.C. 3333.16(B)(3)</i> ).	No provision.
Require each state university to comply with the Chancellor's standard within one year of the development of that standard and accept or grant credit for any standard-compliant course completed by a transfer student at another state university ( <i>R.C. 3333.16(B)(3)</i> ).	No provision.

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<b>Transfer of college credits</b>	
No provision.	Requires the Chancellor to develop an electronic equivalency management tool to (1) assist in the transfer of coursework and degrees between state institutions of higher education, (2) help minimize inconsistent judgement about the application of transfer credits, and (3) assist in allowing transfer credits to be applied in the same manner in each state university. The tool must include the universal documentation of course and programs statewide and be incorporated into a website ( <i>R.C. 3333.16(B)(3)</i> ).
No provision.	Requires a state university to report to the Chancellor any time the university refuses to accept or grant credit for any general education coursework that is both completed at a different state institution of higher education and subject to the policies, procedures or systems prescribed under continuing law and the bill regarding the transfer of college credits. Additionally, the state university must provide to the student that did not receive college credit for the completed coursework the contact information of the Department of Higher Education ( <i>R.C. 3333.16(E)</i> ).
No provision.	Requires the Transfer Practices Advisory Committee established by the Chancellor to conduct a study of current rules regarding the transfer of college credit between state institutions of higher education and, within one year of the bill's effective date, issue to the General Assembly a report containing the Committee's findings and any recommendations regarding changes to the rules ( <i>R.C. 3333.16(F)</i> ).
<b>Review of students records</b>	
Requires each state university, beginning two years after the bill's effective date and every two years thereafter, to review the university's student records to identify students who have (1) been disenrolled from the university for four or more semesters and (2) not	Same, but stipulates that the state university must identify only those students who also meet the following additional criteria: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. For the first review, the student disenrolled within the five</li> </ol>

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<p>completed a bachelor's degree (<i>R.C. 3345.351(B)</i>).</p> <p>Requires each state university to determine if an identified student is eligible for an associate degree or program certificate from that university or another institution of higher education and, if the student is eligible, inform the student of that eligibility (<i>R.C. 3345.351(C)</i>).</p>	<p>years immediately prior to that review. For each subsequent review, the student disenrolled within the prior two years;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. The student has a 2.0 G.P.A.;</li> <li>3. The student completed at least 45 credit hours.</li> </ol> <p>Additionally, clarifies that summer sessions are included when identifying a student who has been disenrolled for four or more semesters (<i>R.C. 3345.351(B)</i>).</p> <p>Same, but with the following changes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The state university must determine if the identified student is eligible or close to being eligible;</li> <li>2. The state university must determine only if the student is eligible or close to being eligible to an associate degree (not a program certificate) offered by that university (not any other institution);</li> <li>3. The state university must inform the student of that eligibility using the most recent contact information the university has on file (<i>R.C. 3345.351(C)</i>).</li> </ol>
Waiver of fees for final course	
<p>Specifies that one of the eligibility criteria for receiving a waiver of tuition and fees for a final course necessary to complete a bachelor's degree is that the student successfully paid all tuition and fees for the courses for which the student registered in the student's final year at the start of that year (<i>R.C. 3345.481(B)(4)</i>).</p> <p>Specifies that one of the eligibility criteria for receiving a waiver of tuition and fees for a final course is that the student successfully registers for that course in the academic year immediately after the student's final year (<i>R.C. 3345.481(B)(5)</i>).</p>	<p>Same, but also stipulates the student must not have received a refund for the tuition and fees (<i>R.C. 3345.481(B)(4)</i>).</p> <p>Stipulates that the student must successfully register for the final course in the next academic year in which the course is offered (<i>R.C. 3345.481(B)(5)</i>).</p>

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No provision.	Specifies that one of the eligibility criteria for receiving a waiver of tuition and fees for a final course is that the student did not enroll in the maximum amount of credit hours in the student's final year, as determined by the state institution of higher education ( <i>R.C. 3345.481(B)(6)</i> ).
<b>Waiver of fees for final course</b>	
No provision	Requires that each state institution of higher education include in its updated strategic completion plan, provided to the Chancellor every two years under continuing law, a report about the institution's collaboration with other institutions through an initiative of the Chancellor to assist students who have some college experience, but no degree, in earning an associate degree, certificate, or credential ( <i>R.C. 3345.81(D)</i> ).
No provision.	Specifies that the report must include information about the institution's efforts to assist students in attaining an associate degree, certificate, or credential while earning a bachelor's degree or using college credit transfer between institutions ( <i>R.C. 3345.81(D)</i> ).