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A BILL

To enact section 3345.462 of the Revised Code to 1
prohibit a state institution of higher education 2
from reducing institutional financial aid as a 3
result of private scholarship awards. 4

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 3345.462 of the Revised Code be 5
enacted to read as follows: 6

Sec. 3345.462. (A) As used in this section: 7

(1) "Cost of attendance" means the average annual cost for 8
a student to attend the student's college or university, 9
including instructional fees, general fees, room and board, 10
books, supplies, and other expenses used to calculate financial 11
aid for an eligible student under Title IV of the "Higher 12
Education Act of 1965," 20 U.S.C. 1070 et seq. 13

(2) "Institutional financial aid" means the sum of all 14
need-based and merit-based grants, scholarships, tuition 15
waivers, and all other forms of financial assistance a student 16
receives from the student's college or university, excluding 17
loans or work-study programs. 18

(3) "Private scholarship" means a scholarship awarded by a 19
business, private foundation, nonprofit organization, or service 20
group. "Private scholarship" does not include an award funded by 21
a private organization affiliated with a state institution of 22
higher education where the state institution provides assistance 23
in selecting an award recipient. 24

(4) "State institution of higher education" has the same 25
meaning as in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code. 26

(B) No state institution of higher education shall reduce 27
a student's institutional financial aid because the student 28
receives one or more private scholarships, except as provided 29
for in division (C) or (D) of this section. 30

(C) A state institution may reduce a student's 31
institutional financial aid if the student's total financial aid 32
from all sources, including private scholarships, exceeds the 33
student's cost of attendance. In that case, the state 34
institution may reduce the student's institutional financial aid 35
until the student's total financial aid no longer exceeds the 36
student's cost of attendance. 37

(D) A state institution may reduce a student's 38
institutional financial aid to comply with the individual or 39
team financial aid restrictions of an athletic association, 40
conference, or other group or organization with authority over 41
intercollegiate athletics, including the national collegiate 42
athletics association or its successor organization. 43