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SUMMARY

- Requires each state or private institution of higher education to report to the Chancellor of Higher Education the cost of attendance for an Ohio resident who is enrolled as an undergraduate student at that institution.
- Requires the Chancellor to annually post to its public website the federal definition of “cost of attendance” and the reported cost of attendance for each institution.
- Prohibits a state or private nonprofit institution from reducing the amount of financial aid it has offered to a student who receives a Governor’s Merit scholarship unless the student’s total financial aid exceeds the institution’s cost of attendance.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Cost of attendance reporting

The bill requires each state or private institution of higher education to annually report to the Chancellor of Higher Education its cost of attendance for an Ohio resident who enrolls as an undergraduate student for that academic year.¹

The bill requires the Chancellor to annually post to its website each institution’s reported cost of attendance, along with the federal definition of “cost of attendance.”²

Governor’s Merit scholarship

The bill prohibits a state or private nonprofit institution from reducing the amount of institutional financial aid it has offered to a student who receives a Governor’s Merit scholarship

¹ R.C. 3333.0421(B).

² R.C. 3333.0421(C) and 20 United States Code 1087II.

unless the student's total financial aid exceeds the institution's total cost of attendance. In such case, the bill requires the institution to reduce the student's institutional financial aid until the student's total financial aid is equivalent to the institution's cost of attendance.

Under the Governor's Merit Scholarship Program, the Chancellor awards merit-based aid to Ohio high school graduates who enroll in a state or private nonprofit institution.³

HISTORY

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³ Section 381.400 of H.B. 96 of the 136th General Assembly.