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**Representative Robb Blasdel**

**Cosponsors: Representatives Gross, Seitz, McNally, Schmidt, Jones, Williams,  
Willis**

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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