



Higher Education – Mandates, Requirements, Prohibitions and Other Things to Do
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Course and Program Evaluations (ORC 3345.35)

- Requires the board of trustees of each state institution of higher education, not later than January 1, 2016, and every five years thereafter by January 1, to evaluate all courses and programs the institution offers based on enrollment and student performance.
- For courses with low enrollment, requires the board of trustees to evaluate the benefits of collaboration with other institutions of higher education, based on geographic region, to deliver the course.
- Requires each board of trustees to submit its findings to the Chancellor not later than 30 days after completion of the evaluation.

Overload Fees (ORC 3345.46)

- Prohibits a state institution of higher education from charging an overload fee except for (1) credit hours taken in excess of 18 credit hours per semester, or the equivalent number of credit hours per quarter and (2) credit hours taken in excess of a full course load, but less than or equal to 18 credit hours per semester, or the equivalent number of credit hours per quarter if the student withdraws from the course prior to a date specified by the institution's board of trustees.

On-Campus Student Housing (ORC 3345.47)

- Prohibits a state university from requiring a student to live in on-campus student housing, if the student lives within 25 miles of campus.

Campus Safety and Training (Sec. 369.140)

- Requires the Chancellor to consult with state institutions of higher education to develop model best practices for preventing and responding to sexual assault on campus, by September 1, 2015.

Board of Trustees Various (Sec. 369.180)

- Requires the board of trustees at each institution to supplement state subsidies by establishing uniform instructional and general fees to be charged to all students for universal services.
- Requires each board to establish a tuition surcharge to out-of-state students.
- Prohibits the board of trustees at each institution from authorizing a waiver or nonpayment of instructional or general fees that is not authorized by law or approved by the Chancellor.
- Requires that boards of trustees ensure that faculty members devote a proper and judicious part of their work week to actual instruction of students.
- Requires the boards of trustees of state assisted institutions of higher education to exercise the authority of the government vested by law in them.
- Requires each institution of higher education, in its statement of charges, to separately identify the instructional fee, general fee, tuition charge, and tuition surcharge.

Task Force on Affordability and Efficiency (Sec. 369.560, 369.590)

- Requires all boards of trustees for state institutions of higher education, upon submission of the Ohio Task Force on Affordability and Efficiency in Higher Education Report established by Governor's order, to complete, by July 1, 2016, an efficiency review based on the report and recommendations of the task force, and provide a report to the DHE Chancellor within 30 days of the completion of the efficiency review that includes how each institution will implement the recommendations and any other cost savings measures.

Work Experience Strategies (Sec. 369.570)

- Requires, by December 31, 2015, the DHE Chancellor, in consultation with state institutions of higher education, to develop implementation strategies to embed work experiences, including but not limited to internships and cooperatives, into the curriculum of degree programs in the 2016-2017 academic year, to explore ways to increase student participation in in-demand occupations, including computer sciences, and to create industry clusters to develop curriculum that can be used for competency based tests.
- Requires, by December 31, 2015, each state institution of higher education to display a link to OhioMeansJobs.com in a prominent location on the institution's web site.
- Requires the Chancellor to work with state institutions of higher education to have a career counseling program in place by December 31, 2015.

Reducing College Costs (ORC 3345.39, Sec. 369.600)

- Requires state institutions of higher education to develop and implement a plan to provide all in-state, undergraduate students the opportunity to reduce the student cost of earning a degree by 5%.
- Requires state institutions to submit to the Chancellor the plan to reduce the student cost of earning a degree not later than October 15, 2015.

Auxiliary Fees (ORC 3345.39)

- Beginning with the fall semester, or quarter equivalent, of the 2015-2016 academic year, requires state institutions of higher education to annually report to the DHE any increase in or additional auxiliary fees charged by the institution and the justification for the increase or addition.

Competency Based Pilot Project (Sec. 369.610)

- Requires the Chancellor to work with state institutions of higher education to develop competency based education programs, but does not require the use of a specific appropriation for this purpose.
- Requires institutions that choose to offer competency-based education programs to submit plans to the Department by July 1, 2016 and be granted "reasonable" time to implement them.

Graduate Medical Education (Sec. 327.320)

- Creates the Graduate Medical Education Study Committee.
- Requires the Committee to study the issue of Medicaid payments to hospitals for the costs of graduate medical education, including the feasibility of targeting the payments in a manner that rewards medical school graduates who practice in Ohio for at least five years after graduation.
- Requires the Committee to complete a report about its study not later than December 31, 2015.