

H. B. 174
Expand the Authority of the Board of Regents
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Bill Summary

Sponsor:	Representative Jim McGregor	(R - Gahanna)
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What this bill does:

- Expands the authority of the Ohio Board of Regents to regulate the programs and resources of state institutions of higher education.
- Requires the Board of Regents to adopt rules it determines necessary to achieve the following goals:
 - Conserve public resources through elimination of duplicative practices;
 - Practice conservation of administration and resources;
 - Authorize the acquisition and construction of only those buildings, grounds, and infrastructure necessary for the education of students and for appropriate research;
 - Produce an efficient and affordable system of state colleges and universities;
 - Increase and decrease the number of students graduating with certain degrees in order to meet the needs of the employment market in the state;
 - Coordinate, modify as needed, and approve all state college and university appropriation requests.
- To accomplish the goals listed above, the Board of Regents may adopt orders and directions to:
 - Close, limit, or advise academic programs, including, but not limited to:
 - Requiring state-assisted institutions of higher education to eliminate certain undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs;
 - Approving or disapproving new degrees and new degree programs at all state-assisted institutions of higher education;
 - Approving or disapproving the establishment of new branches or academic centers of state-assisted institutions of higher education;
 - Approving or disapproving the establishment of state-assisted institutions of higher education;
 - Advising state-assisted institutions of higher education on the nature of the programs, undergraduate, graduate, professional, state-financed research, and public services that they should offer;

- Recommending to state-assisted institutions of higher education programs that should be added to their present programs.
- Restructure the faculty and administration of state-assisted institutions of higher education;
- Require that the officers, trustees, and employees of all state-assisted institutions of higher education provide truthful and accurate information regarding their institutions when so requested by the board;
- Reduce the funds available to certain programs or institutions of higher education.

Additional information about the bill:

- To access the bill in its entirety, click on or visit the following link:
http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=126_HB_174