Ohio Revised Code
Section 3345.202 Board of trustees may provide liability insurance coverage.
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(A) As used in this section, "state university or college" has the same meaning as in division (A)(1) of section 3345.12 of the Revised Code.

(B) The board of trustees of a state university or college may provide insurance coverages, in any amount authorized by the board, protecting the state university or college, the members of the board, the officers and employees of the state university or college, or other persons authorized by the board, or any one or more of them, against loss or liability that arises or is claimed to have arisen from acts or omissions while acting within the scope of their employment or official responsibilities or while engaged in activities at the request or direction, or for the benefit, of the state university or college.

Such coverage may be provided in any one or more of the following ways:

(1) The purchase of a policy or policies of liability insurance from an insurer or insurers licensed to do business in this state;

(2) Establishment or participation in a program of self-insurance, by trust or in any other manner the board considers prudent. Any self-insurance program shall file annually, with the superintendent of insurance, a report certified by a competent property and casualty actuary. The superintendent of insurance shall review such report. If such a self-insurance program has more than a single college or university participant, all participants shall be provided with the annual actuarial reports of the program.

(3) Establishment of or participation in a captive insurance company that is licensed to do business in this state, another state, or a foreign country;

(4) Establishment of, or participation in, a joint self-insurance pool under section 3345.203 of the Revised Code.
(C) Insurance coverages under division (B)(1), (2), (3), or (4) of this section may include coverage for the defense or costs of defense or settlement, including attorney's fees, of any covered person or entity and be paid for from any funds under the control of the state university or college.

(D) Provision of any insurance coverage under divisions (B)(1) to (3) of this section is not a waiver of any immunity or defense available to the state university or college or to any covered person or entity.