



## Ohio Revised Code

### Section 3345.454

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This section applies only to state institutions of higher education that have tenured faculty members.

(A) As used in this section:

(1) "State institution of higher education" has the same meaning as in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Retrenchment" means a process by which a state institution of higher education reduces programs or services, thus resulting in a temporary suspension or permanent separation of one or more institution faculty, to account for a reduction in student population or overall funding, a change to institutional missions or programs, or other fiscal pressures or emergencies facing the institution.

(B) In addition to the policies described in sections 3345.45 to 3345.453 of the Revised Code, each state institution of higher education board of trustees shall develop policies on tenure and retrenchment. Each state institution shall submit those policies to the chancellor of higher education. Each state institution's board of trustees shall update those policies every five years.

(C) A state institution of higher education shall eliminate any undergraduate degree program it offers if the institution confers an average of fewer than five degrees in that program annually over any three-year period. A state institution shall not consider any academic year prior to the first academic year in which an undergraduate degree is conferred in determining whether this division applies to the program offering that degree.

The chancellor may grant a waiver to a state institution for a program to which this division applies. State institutions shall appeal for a waiver in a form and manner determined by the chancellor. If the chancellor grants a waiver to a state institution, the chancellor shall establish terms under which the state institution may conditionally continue the program, including whether the program is eligible to be supported by state share of instruction funds.



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