

## Ohio Revised Code

Section 3345.457 Curricular approval process.

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- (A) As used in this section, "state institution of higher education" has the same meaning as in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code.
- (B) The board of trustees of each state institution of higher education has ultimate authority to establish new academic programs, schools, colleges, institutes, departments, and centers at the institution. Notwithstanding anything in section 3333.0420 of the Revised Code to the contrary, the board of trustees may not delegate the board's authority to adopt a curricular approval process under this section or to approve or reject academic programs.
- (C) The board of trustees of each state institution of higher education shall adopt a curricular approval process to establish and modify academic programs, curricula, courses, general education requirements, and degree programs. The process developed under this division shall do all of the following:
- (1) Grant the faculty senate, or comparable representative body, the opportunity to provide advice, feedback, and recommendations on the establishment and modification of academic programs, curricula, courses, general education requirements, and degree programs;
- (2) Clarify that all feedback and recommendations by the faculty senate, or comparable representative body, is advisory in nature;
- (3) Retain the board's final, overriding authority to approve or reject any establishment or modification of academic programs, curricula, courses, general education requirements, and degree programs.
- (D) Each board of trustees shall complete the initial curricular approval process developed under this section not later than six months after the effective date of this section, unless the institution's president grants a one-month extension, and every five years thereafter. The board of trustees shall



submit each completed version of the approval process developed under this section to the chancellor of higher education.