

# OFT Higher Education Committee

## 2026 Resolution

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### HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING AND AFFORDABILITY

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3 WHEREAS, the 119th United States Congress passed the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, or the Big  
4 Beautiful Bill (P.L. 119-21), a tax and spending bill; and

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6 WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump signed it into law on July 4, 2025; and

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8 WHEREAS, the law cuts nearly \$300 billion in student aid, which will make colleges and  
9 universities more reliant on state funding, drive students towards risky personal loans, and  
10 make a college education less affordable and accessible for everyone; and

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12 WHEREAS, the law takes away student loan relief by cutting options for income-driven  
13 repayment plans; and

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15 WHEREAS, the law threatens access to federal financial aid based on a program's earning  
16 potential, directly threatening public service careers in education and social services by forcing  
17 colleges and universities to limit degree programs; therefore,

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19 BE IT RESOLVED, the Ohio Federation of Teachers (OFT) affirms that access to an affordable  
20 college education is essential to a free and prosperous society; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the OFT believes that institutions of higher education are  
23 essential to community vitality, serving as economic drivers and sources of public good; and

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25 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the OFT will challenge state lawmakers to respond to any funding  
26 shortfalls caused by the federal law to ensure that Ohio's institutions of higher education remain  
27 open and accessible to all Ohioans.

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29 Sources: [Text - H.R.1 - 119th Congress \(2025-2026\): One Big Beautiful Bill Act](#)  
30 [How the 'big, beautiful bill' harms higher education | American Federation of Teachers](#)  
31 [Higher Education | AFT Votes](#)  
32 [Congress' Reconciliation Bill Will Make Higher Education Less Affordable and Accessible for](#)  
33 [Ohio Students](#)