

OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 3333.38

Substitute House Bill 95 of the 125th General Assembly, which is codified in Section 3333.38 of the Ohio Revised Code, focuses on the riotous behavior of students on and around university campuses. The new law has two separate penalty provisions—denial of financial aid and expulsion. Regarding financial aid, R.C. 3333.38(B) generally provides that an individual who is convicted of, pleads guilty to, or is adjudicated a delinquent child for violating R.C. 2917.02 (aggravated riot), R.C. 2917.03 (riot), R.C. 2917.04 (failure to disperse), or R.C. 2917.13 (misconduct at an emergency), shall be ineligible to receive any student financial assistance supported by state funds for two calendar years from the time the individual applies for financial assistance.

With respect to expulsion, a student shall immediately be dismissed from the University if he or she is convicted of or pleads guilty to, or is adjudicated a delinquent child for violating R.C. 2917.02 (aggravated riot) or R.C. 2917.03 (riot). Moreover, no Ohio public university or college shall admit an individual who has been convicted for either R.C. 2907.02 or .03, for one academic year after the individual applies for admission.

Action taken as a result of R.C. 3333.38 does not limit or affect the University of Cincinnati's ability to otherwise discipline students under the Student Code of Conduct.