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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - Youngstown State University's effort to have its non-resident tuition fee waived for some Pennsylvanians in nearby counties is being studied in Harrisburg.

There already are reciprocal agreements between several Ohio and Michigan, Kentucky and West Virginia universities.

Ohio Gov. Richard Celeste, following up on a commitment that he made to the YSU Board of Trustees during a campus visit this spring, wrote Gov. Dick Thornburgh suggesting that a reciprocal tuition agreement could serve the best interests of both states.

Last week, on request from Gov. Thornburgh's Office of Policy Analysis in Harrisburg, Dr. G.L. Mears, YSU director of Budget and Institutional Studies provided that office with some some Youngstown State statistics.

They included the fact that 84 percent of the 1,034 Pennsylvanians attending YSU last fall were from either Mercer or Lawrence County.

Dr. Mears also reported that Pennsylvania residents comprised between seven and eight percent of the total enrollments at YSU during the past four years. Enrollment last fall was 15,026 and varied between 15,254 and 15,849 during the other three years.

Of the 8.4 percent of YSU students who were non-Ohians last September, the vast majority were from the Keystone State.

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There already is a reciprocal agreement which permits Pennsylvanians to use Pennsylvania state grants at Ohio colleges and universities, and Ohio students to use Ohio Instructional Grants at Pennsylvania colleges and universities.

In-state tuition at YSU for the past three years has been \$445 a quarter or \$1,335 per year (three quarters). This is increasing to \$500 or \$1,500 a year this fall but still remains the lowest tuition of the 12 state-assisted universities in Ohio.

The additional non-resident surcharge will be \$350 per quarter this fall, up from \$325.

Based on the former tuition rate, Pennsylvania residents paid a total of \$287,294 in non-resident surcharges in the fall of 1985 and a total of approximately \$960,000 during the past academic year, Dr. Mears reported to the Office of Policy Analysis.

If enrollment levels of Pennsylvania residents at YSU remain fairly constant, Dr. Mears said Pennsylvanians will be paying more than \$1 million in non-resident surcharges during the 1986-87 academic year.

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