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SYNOPSIS

Requires post-secondary educational institutions to collect and report employment data for certain graduates.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning the collection and reporting of certain
2 information by post-secondary educational institutions,
3 amending P.L.2009, c.197, and supplementing Title 18A of the
4 New Jersey Statutes.

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6 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
7 of New Jersey:

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9 1. Section 2 of P.L.2009, c.197 (C.18A:3B-44) is amended to
10 read as follows:

11 2. a. A four-year public or independent institution of higher
12 education shall provide for public inspection on its website
13 comprehensive information on the cost of attendance, the
14 graduation rates of admitted students, and the faculty of the
15 institution, and shall also provide for public inspection on its
16 website employment data for recent graduates of the institution.

17 The purpose of the information shall be to maximize the awareness
18 of students and their families of the costs associated with
19 enrollment in the institution, the institution's success in ensuring the
20 graduation and employment of its students, and the composition of
21 the teaching faculty that a student will encounter in his coursework.
22 The institution shall post, and annually update, a student consumer
23 information report on its website that includes:

- 24 (1) overall four-year and six-year graduation rates;
25 (2) four-year and six-year graduation rates by demographic
26 group;
27 (3) four-year and six-year graduation rates by major;
28 (4) four-year and six-year graduation rates for student-athletes;
29 (5) the student transfer rate;
30 (6) an overview of the institutions to which former students of
31 that college or university have transferred prior to the completion of
32 a degree;
33 (7) the cost for the current academic year of attending the
34 institution including tuition, student fees, room and board, and
35 books and materials;
36 (8) a description of the types of financial assistance offered
37 directly by the institution to both student-athletes and to students
38 who do not participate in athletic programs at the institution;
39 (9) the percent of student-athletes who receive financial
40 assistance directly from the institution and the average value of the
41 assistance and the percent of students who do not participate in
42 athletic programs at the institution who receive financial assistance
43 directly from the institution and the average value of the assistance;
44 (10) the total projected cost for an incoming freshman to live on
45 campus and complete a degree in four years and the total projected

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 cost for an incoming freshman to commute to school and complete a
2 degree in four years;

3 (11) the total projected cost for an incoming freshman to live on
4 campus and complete a degree in six years and the total projected
5 cost for an incoming freshman to commute to school and complete a
6 degree in six years;

7 (12) average student loan indebtedness of four-year graduates for
8 both students who live on campus and students who commute;

9 (13) average student loan indebtedness of six-year graduates for
10 both students who live on campus and students who commute;

11 (14) average student loan indebtedness of a student who
12 withdraws from the institution prior to the completion of a degree
13 program for both students who live on campus and students who
14 commute;

15 (15) an overview of the institution's faculty, including the
16 percentage of faculty employed as a tenured professor, the
17 percentage of faculty employed as a full-time non-tenured
18 professor, and the percentage of faculty employed as an adjunct or
19 visiting professor;

20 (16) the percentage of courses taught by each of the different
21 categories of faculty; **and**

22 (17) an indicator of each academic department's capacity to serve
23 the students majoring within that department's programs, as
24 determined by the **Commission on** Secretary of Higher
25 Education; and

26 (18) employment data beginning with data compiled for students
27 who graduated from the institution during the 2021-2022 academic
28 year. The employment data shall include, but need not be limited
29 to: the overall number and percentage of students who are employed
30 in a field related to their major one year following graduation from
31 the institution; the overall number and percentage of students who
32 are employed in any field one year following graduation from the
33 institution; the overall number and percentage of students who
34 enroll in a graduate program within one year following graduation
35 from the institution; and the salary earned by students one year
36 following graduation from the institution. The institution shall
37 maintain the employment data for each graduating class on its
38 website for a period of four academic years following its
39 compilation.

40 Beginning in the 2022-2023 academic year and in each academic
41 year thereafter, the institution shall conduct an employment survey
42 of the students who graduated in the prior academic year.

43 The institution shall provide with all paper applications for
44 admission to the institution a hard copy of the information prepared
45 pursuant to this section.

46 b. A four-year public or independent institution of higher
47 education shall conform to the guidelines, criteria, and format

1 prescribed by the **【Commission on】 Secretary of** Higher Education
2 in reporting the information required pursuant to this section.

3 c. A four-year public or independent institution of higher
4 education shall submit its student consumer information report to
5 the **【Commission on】 Secretary of** Higher Education for inclusion
6 in a comparative profile of the student consumer information
7 reports of all four-year public and independent institutions of higher
8 education.

9 d. A four-year public or independent institution of higher
10 education shall ensure that the page of its Internet site which
11 includes its student consumer information report contains a link to
12 the page of the **【Commission on】 Secretary of** Higher Education's
13 Internet site that includes the comparative profile required pursuant
14 to subsection b. of section 3 of this act.

15 e. A four-year public or independent institution of higher
16 education shall ensure that the Internet site for submitting an online
17 application to the institution contains a link to the institution's
18 student consumer information report.

19 f. A four-year public or independent institution of higher
20 education shall require the parent or guardian of a student applying
21 for admission into the institution, or the student if he is an
22 independent adult, to sign and submit a statement acknowledging
23 that he has reviewed the institution's student consumer information
24 report.

25 (cf: P.L.2009, c.197, s.2)

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27 2. Section 3 of P.L.2009, c.197 (C.18A:3B-45) is amended to
28 read as follows:

29 3. a. The **【Commission on】 Secretary of** Higher Education
30 shall issue guidelines and criteria for collecting and calculating the
31 information required pursuant to section 2 of this act and shall
32 prescribe a uniform reporting method for posting the information.

33 b. The **【Commission on】 Secretary of** Higher Education shall
34 annually compile the student consumer information reports
35 submitted pursuant to subsection c. of section 2 of this act into a
36 comparative profile of all four-year public and independent
37 institutions of higher education. The **【commission】 secretary** shall
38 present the information on its website in a manner that allows
39 college students and their families to easily compare student
40 consumer information across public institutions and across
41 independent institutions.

42 (cf: P.L.2009, c.197, s.3)

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44 3. a. (New section) A private vocational school shall provide
45 for public inspection on its website comprehensive student
46 employment data beginning with data compiled for students who
47 graduated from or completed a program of the institution in 2021.

1 The employment data shall include, but need not be limited to: the
2 overall number and percentage of students who are employed in a
3 field related to their course of study one year following graduation
4 from or completion of a program of the institution; the overall
5 number and percentage of students who are employed in any field
6 one year following graduation from or completion of a program of
7 the institution; and the salary earned by students one year following
8 graduation from or completion of a program of the institution. The
9 institution shall maintain the employment data on its website for a
10 period of four years following its compilation.

11 b. To effectuate the provisions of subsection a. of this section,
12 beginning in 2022 and in each year thereafter, a private vocational
13 school shall conduct an annual employment survey of the students
14 who graduated or completed a program in the prior year.

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16 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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19 STATEMENT

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21 This bill requires post-secondary educational institutions to
22 collect and report certain employment data for recent graduates.

23 Under the bill, four-year public and independent institutions of
24 higher education will conduct an annual employment survey of the
25 students who graduated in the prior academic year. The institutions
26 will then post on their websites the student employment data
27 collected, which will include: the overall number and percentage of
28 students who are employed in a field related to their major or course
29 of study one year following graduation; the overall number and
30 percentage of students who are employed in any field one year
31 following graduation; the salary earned by students one year
32 following graduation; and the overall number and percentage of
33 students who enroll in a graduate degree program within one year
34 following graduation from the institution. The institutions will
35 maintain the data for each graduating class on their websites for a
36 period of four academic years.

37 The bill also requires private vocational schools to survey
38 students in order to collect and report employment data for students
39 who graduated from or completed a program of the school in the
40 prior year. The information will be posted on the school's website
41 and maintained for a period of four years following its compilation.

42 Under the "New Jersey College Student and Parent Consumer
43 Information Act," P.L.2009, c.197, four-year public institutions of
44 higher education are currently required to provide on their websites
45 information on the cost of attendance, the graduation rates of
46 admitted students, and the faculty of the institution. This bill
47 amends that law to require that independent institutions of higher
48 education also provide this information on their websites.