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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING AN ECONOMIC SECURITY REPORT OF
9 EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS OUTCOMES; TO REQUIRE A STATE-
10 SUPPORTED TECHNICAL INSTITUTE TO PROVIDE AN ENROLLED
11 STUDENT WITH ELECTRONIC ACCESS TO THE ECONOMIC
12 SECURITY REPORT OF EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS OUTCOMES
13 PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES; AND
14 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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17 TO REQUIRE A STATE-SUPPORTED TECHNICAL
18 INSTITUTE TO PROVIDE AN ENROLLED STUDENT
19 WITH ELECTRONIC ACCESS TO THE ECONOMIC
20 SECURITY REPORT OF EMPLOYMENT AND
21 EARNINGS OUTCOMES PREPARED BY THE
22 DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES.
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26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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28 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-60-105 is amended to read as follows:

29 6-60-105. Employment and earnings outcomes – Report.

30 (a)(1) Annually, ~~beginning June 30, 2016,~~ the Department of Workforce
31 Services shall prepare or contract with an entity to prepare an economic
32 security report of employment and earning outcomes for degrees, diplomas, and
33 certificates earned at state-supported institutions of higher education and
34 state-supported technical institutes.

35 (2) The report required under subdivision (a)(1) of this section
36 shall ~~be:~~



1 (A) Be made available online; and shall be

2 (B) Be easily accessible and readable by the public;

3 ~~(3) The report shall:~~

4 ~~(A)(C)~~ Be broken down by educational sector;

5 ~~(B)(D)~~ Use data available to the Department of Higher
6 Education relating to the employment and earnings of graduates of degree,
7 diploma, or and certificate programs from a state-supported institution of
8 higher education or a state-supported technical institute;

9 ~~(C)(E)~~ Use an integrated postsecondary education data
10 system for calculating the average student loan debt of a graduate of a
11 degree, diploma, or certificate program from a state-supported institution of
12 higher education or a state-supported technical institute;

13 ~~(D)(F)~~ Include data on the employment of graduates of a
14 degree, diploma, or certificate program from a state-supported institution of
15 higher education or a state-supported technical institute beginning the year
16 after the degree, diploma, or certificate is earned, including graduates
17 employed full-time, by:

18 (i) Number; and

19 (ii) Percentage; and

20 ~~(E)(G)~~ Include on an annual basis data on the earnings of
21 graduates of a degree, diploma, or certificate program at a state-supported
22 institution of higher education or a state-supported technical institute
23 beginning the year after the degree, diploma, or certificate is earned, ~~on an~~
24 ~~annual basis.~~

25 (b)(1) ~~Annually, beginning July 1, 2016,~~ a four-year state-supported
26 institution of higher education and a two-year state-supported institution of
27 higher education shall provide an enrolled student with electronic access to
28 the economic security report of employment and earnings outcomes prepared by
29 the Department of Workforce Services before the student registers for
30 classes.

31 (2) Annually, beginning July 1, 2020, a state-supported
32 technical institute shall provide an enrolled student with electronic access
33 to the economic security report of employment and earnings outcomes prepared
34 by the Department of Workforce Services before the student registers for
35 classes.

36 (c) Each four-year state-supported institution of higher education,

1 each state-supported technical institute, and each two-year state-supported
2 institution of higher education shall provide each student electronic access
3 to the following information annually before the student registers for
4 classes:

5 (1) The top twenty-five percent (25%) of certificates and
6 degrees reported by the four-year state-supported institution of higher
7 education in terms of the highest full-time job placement and highest average
8 annual earnings in the year after certificate or degree completion; and

9 (2) The bottom ten percent (10%) of certificates and degrees
10 reported by the four-year state-supported institution of higher education in
11 terms of the lowest full-time job placement and lowest average annual
12 earnings in the year after certificate or degree completion.

13 (d) Annually, ~~beginning August 1, 2016,~~ a public school student in
14 grade seven through grade twelve (7-12) or the student's parent or guardian
15 shall receive a two-page summary of and electronic access to the ~~Department~~
16 ~~of Workforce Service's~~ economic security report of employment and earnings
17 outcomes prepared by the Department of Workforce Services under this section.

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