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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ECONOMIC SECURITY REPORT
9 PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES; AND
10 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 CONCERNING THE ECONOMIC SECURITY REPORT
14 PREPARED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE
15 SERVICES.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-60-105 is amended to read as follows:

22 6-60-105. ~~Employment and earnings outcomes~~ Arkansas education to
23 employment – Report.

24 (a)(1) Annually, ~~beginning June 30, 2016,~~ the Department of Workforce
25 Services shall prepare or contract with an entity to prepare an economic
26 security report of employment and earning outcomes for degrees and
27 certificates earned at state-supported institutions of higher education.

28 (2) The report shall be made available online and shall be
29 easily accessible and readable by the public.

30 (3) The report shall:

31 (A) Be broken down by educational sector;

32 (B) Use all years of graduate data available to the
33 Department of Higher Education relating to the employment and earnings of
34 graduates of degree or certificate programs from a state-supported
35 institution of higher education;

36 (C) Use an integrated postsecondary education data system



1 for calculating the average student loan debt of a graduate of a degree or
2 certificate program from a state-supported institution of higher education;

3 (D) Include data on the employment of graduates of a
4 degree or certificate program from a state-supported institution of higher
5 education beginning the year after the degree or certificate is earned up to
6 and including the most recent year of earnings data available, including
7 graduates employed full-time, by:

8 (i) Number; and

9 (ii) Percentage; ~~and~~

10 (E) Include data on the earnings of graduates of a degree
11 or certificate program at a state-supported institution of higher education
12 beginning the year after the degree or certificate is earned up to and
13 including the most recent year of earnings data available, on an annual
14 basis;

15 (F) Include data on the earnings of former students of
16 state-supported institutions of higher education who did not complete a
17 degree or certificate program, beginning the year after the student withdraws
18 from enrollment up to and including the most recent year of earnings data
19 available;

20 (G) Use all years of data available to the Department of
21 Education relating to the former students of public schools over eighteen
22 (18) years of age as of July 1 of the year before the report; and

23 (H)(i) Include data on the earnings of former students of
24 public schools beginning the year after the student reaches eighteen (18)
25 years of age up to and including the most recent year of earnings data
26 available.

27 (ii) The data under subdivision (a)(1)(H)(i) of this
28 section shall include employment and earnings outcomes for public school
29 students who did not attend institutions of higher education.

30 (b) ~~Annually, beginning July 1, 2016,~~ a four-year state-supported
31 institution of higher education and a two-year state-supported institution of
32 higher education shall provide an enrolled student with electronic access to
33 the economic security report of employment and earnings outcomes prepared by
34 the Department of Workforce Services, distributed electronically to the two-
35 year and four-year state-supported institutions of higher education by the
36 Department of Higher Education, before the student registers for classes.

1 (c) Each four-year state-supported institution of higher education and
2 each two-year state-supported institution of higher education shall provide
3 each student electronic access to the following information annually before
4 the student registers for 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 under this section, distributed electronically to public
18 school district superintendents by the Department of Education.

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