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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO REQUIRE AN ECONOMIC SECURITY REPORT OF
9 EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS OUTCOMES FOR DEGREES AND
10 CERTIFICATES EARNED AT STATE-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS
11 OF HIGHER EDUCATION; TO ALLOW STUDENTS AND PARENTS TO
12 MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS REGARDING COLLEGE AND CAREER;
13 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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19 SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER
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21 PARENTS TO MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS.
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 60, Subchapter 1, is amended
28 to add an additional section 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 and
33 certificates earned at state-supported institutions of higher education.

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

36 (3) The report shall (A) Be broken down by educational sector



1 and:

2 (B) Use data available to the Department of Higher
3 Education relating to the employment and earnings of graduates of degree or
4 certificate programs from a state-supported institution of higher education;

5 (C) Use an integrated postsecondary education data system
6 for calculating the average student loan debt of a graduate of a degree or
7 certificate program from a state-supported institution of higher education;

8 (D) Include data on the employment of graduates of a
9 degree or certificate program from a state-supported institution of higher
10 education beginning the year after the degree or certificate is earned,
11 including graduates employed full-time, by:

12 (i) Number; and

13 (ii) Percentage; and

14 (E) Include data on the earnings of graduates of a degree
15 or certificate program at a state-supported institution of higher education
16 beginning the year after the degree or certificate is earned, on an annual
17 basis.

18 (b) Annually, beginning July 1, 2016, a two-year state-supported
19 institution of higher education shall provide an enrolled student with
20 electronic access to the economic security report of employment and earnings
21 outcomes prepared by the Department of Workforce Services before the student
22 registers for classes.

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

28 (2) Each four-year state-supported institution of higher
29 education shall provide each student electronic access to the following
30 information annually before the student registers for classes:

31 (A) The top twenty-five percent (25%) of degrees reported
32 by the four-year state-supported institution of higher education in terms of
33 the highest full-time job placement and highest average annual earnings in
34 the year after degree completion; and

35 (B) The bottom ten percent (10%) of degrees reported by
36 the four-year state-supported institution of higher education in terms of the

1 lowest full-time job placement and lowest average annual earnings in the year
2 after degree completion.

3 (d) Annually, beginning August 1, 2016, a public school student a
4 grade seven through grade twelve (7-12) or the student's parent or guardian
5 shall receive a two-page summary of and electronic access to the Department
6 of Workforce Service's economic security report of employment and earnings
7 outcomes prepared under this section.