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HOUSE BILL NO. 349

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EDUCATION: Requires that data relative to college and career opportunities be compiled and distributed to high school students

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:2926.1, relative to college and career readiness; to require the state
3 Department of Education to collect and compile information relative to
4 postsecondary education and the workforce; to require the distribution of such
5 information to high school students; to authorize the department to enter into
6 memoranda of understanding with other state agencies for this purpose; and to
7 provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Students' Right to Know
10 Act".

11 Section 2. R.S. 17:2926.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

12 §2926.1. College and career information; collection and distribution

13 A. The state Department of Education shall collect and compile the
14 following information relative to public postsecondary education institutions on an
15 annual basis:

16 (1) By type of institution, the average cost of attendance, graduation rate,
17 monthly student loan payment, and three-year student loan default rate.

18 (2) The following information relative to program completion and entry into
19 the workforce or the military:

1 (a) The completion rates for apprenticeship programs, high school credential
2 programs, career and technical education programs, and first-term military
3 enlistments.

4 (b) The twenty most in-demand occupations in the state, including starting
5 salary and common degree levels associated with entering the occupation.

6 (c) The percentage of college graduates working in an occupation that does
7 not require a college degree.

8 (d) The average starting salary for graduates by type of institution.

9 (e) The average starting salary for career and technical education program
10 completers.

11 B. The department shall:

12 (1) Distribute this information to every public and approved nonpublic high
13 school in the state not later than October first annually for distribution to
14 sophomores, juniors, and seniors by school guidance counselors not later than
15 October fifteenth annually.

16 (2) Make this information readily available to the public through publication
17 on the department's website.

18 C. The department may execute a memorandum of understanding with any
19 state agency, board, or commission, including but not limited to the Board of
20 Regents, each public postsecondary education management board, and the Louisiana
21 Workforce Commission, for the purposes of implementing the provisions of this
22 Section.

23 D. For purposes of this Section, "type of institution" refers to the following
24 categories of public postsecondary education institutions:

25 (1) Four-year institutions under the management and supervision of the
26 Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical
27 College, the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and
28 Mechanical College, or the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana
29 System.

1 (2) Two-year institutions under the management and supervision of the
 2 Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical
 3 College or the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and
 4 Mechanical College.

5 (3) Institutions under the management and supervision of the Board of
 6 Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges.

7 Section 3. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2021.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires the state Dept. of Education annually to compile and distribute data relative to college and career opportunities.

Proposed law:

- (1) Requires the state Dept. of Education (DOE) to collect and compile the following information relative to college and career opportunities on an annual basis:
 - (a) By type of institution, average cost of attendance, graduation rate, monthly student loan payment, and three-year student loan default rate.
 - (b) The following information relative to program completion and entry into the workforce or the military:
 - (i) Completion rates for apprenticeship programs, high school credential programs, career and technical education programs, and first-term military enlistments.
 - (ii) 20 most in-demand occupations in the state, including starting salary and common degree levels associated with entering the occupation.
 - (iii) Percentage of college graduates working in an occupation that does not require a college degree.
 - (iv) Average starting salary for graduates by type of institution.
 - (v) Average starting salary of career-technical education completers.
- (2) Requires DOE to:
 - (a) Distribute information annually to public and approved nonpublic high schools by Oct. 1 for distribution to sophomores, juniors, and seniors not later than Oct. 15.
 - (b) Publish information on its website.

- (3) Authorizes DOE to enter into a memorandum of understanding with any state agency, board, or commission for the purposes of implementing proposed law.

Effective Jan. 1, 2021.

(Adds R.S. 17:2926.1)