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## DIGEST

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HB 349 Original

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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)