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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires post-secondary educational institutions to collect and report employment data for certain graduates.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning the collection and reporting of certain  
2 information by post-secondary educational institutions,  
3 amending P.L.2009, c.197, and supplementing Title 18A of the  
4 New Jersey Statutes.

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6 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
7 of New Jersey:

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9 1. Section 2 of P.L.2009, c.197 (C.18A:3B-44) is amended to  
10 read as follows:

11 2. a. A four-year public or independent institution of higher  
12 education shall provide for public inspection on its website  
13 comprehensive information on the cost of attendance, the  
14 graduation rates of admitted students, and the faculty of the  
15 institution, and shall also provide for public inspection on its  
16 website employment data for recent graduates of the institution.

17 The purpose of the information shall be to maximize the awareness  
18 of students and their families of the costs associated with  
19 enrollment in the institution, the institution's success in ensuring the  
20 graduation and employment of its students, and the composition of  
21 the teaching faculty that a student will encounter in his coursework.  
22 The institution shall post, and annually update, a student consumer  
23 information report on its website that includes:

24 (1) overall four-year and six-year graduation rates;

25 (2) four-year and six-year graduation rates by demographic  
26 group;

27 (3) four-year and six-year graduation rates by major;

28 (4) four-year and six-year graduation rates for student-athletes;

29 (5) the student transfer rate;

30 (6) an overview of the institutions to which former students of  
31 that college or university have transferred prior to the completion of  
32 a degree;

33 (7) the cost for the current academic year of attending the  
34 institution including tuition, student fees, room and board, and  
35 books and materials;

36 (8) a description of the types of financial assistance offered  
37 directly by the institution to both student-athletes and to students  
38 who do not participate in athletic programs at the institution;

39 (9) the percent of student-athletes who receive financial  
40 assistance directly from the institution and the average value of the  
41 assistance and the percent of students who do not participate in  
42 athletic programs at the institution who receive financial assistance  
43 directly from the institution and the average value of the assistance;

44 (10) the total projected cost for an incoming freshman to live on  
45 campus and complete a degree in four years and the total projected

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

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1 cost for an incoming freshman to commute to school and complete a  
2 degree in four years;

3 (11) the total projected cost for an incoming freshman to live on  
4 campus and complete a degree in six years and the total projected  
5 cost for an incoming freshman to commute to school and complete a  
6 degree in six years;

7 (12) average student loan indebtedness of four-year graduates  
8 for both students who live on campus and students who commute;

9 (13) average student loan indebtedness of six-year graduates for  
10 both students who live on campus and students who commute;

11 (14) average student loan indebtedness of a student who  
12 withdraws from the institution prior to the completion of a degree  
13 program for both students who live on campus and students who  
14 commute;

15 (15) an overview of the institution's faculty, including the  
16 percentage of faculty employed as a tenured professor, the  
17 percentage of faculty employed as a full-time non-tenured  
18 professor, and the percentage of faculty employed as an adjunct or  
19 visiting professor;

20 (16) the percentage of courses taught by each of the different  
21 categories of faculty; **[and]**

22 (17) an indicator of each academic department's capacity to  
23 serve the students majoring within that department's programs, as  
24 determined by the **[Commission on]** Secretary of Higher  
25 Education; and

26 (18) employment data beginning with data compiled for students  
27 who graduated from the institution during the 2017-2018 academic  
28 year. The employment data shall include, but need not be limited  
29 to: the overall number and percentage of students who are employed  
30 in a field related to their major one year following graduation from  
31 the institution; the overall number and percentage of students who  
32 are employed in any field one year following graduation from the  
33 institution; the overall number and percentage of students who  
34 enroll in a graduate program within one year following graduation  
35 from the institution; and the salary earned by students one year  
36 following graduation from the institution. The institution shall  
37 maintain the employment data for each graduating class on its  
38 website for a period of four academic years following its  
39 compilation.

40 Beginning in the 2018-2019 academic year and in each academic  
41 year thereafter, the institution shall conduct an employment survey  
42 of the students who graduated in the prior academic year.

43 The institution shall provide with all paper applications for  
44 admission to the institution a hard copy of the information prepared  
45 pursuant to this section.

46 b. A four-year public or independent institution of higher  
47 education shall conform to the guidelines, criteria, and format

1 prescribed by the **【Commission on】 Secretary of Higher Education**  
2 in reporting the information required pursuant to this section.

3 c. A four-year public or independent institution of higher  
4 education shall submit its student consumer information report to  
5 the **【Commission on】 Secretary of Higher Education** for inclusion  
6 in a comparative profile of the student consumer information  
7 reports of all four-year public and independent institutions of higher  
8 education.

9 d. A four-year public or independent institution of higher  
10 education shall ensure that the page of its Internet site which  
11 includes its student consumer information report contains a link to  
12 the page of the **【Commission on】 Secretary of Higher Education's**  
13 Internet site that includes the comparative profile required pursuant  
14 to subsection b. of section 3 of this act.

15 e. A four-year public or independent institution of higher  
16 education shall ensure that the Internet site for submitting an online  
17 application to the institution contains a link to the institution's  
18 student consumer information report.

19 f. A four-year public or independent institution of higher  
20 education shall require the parent or guardian of a student applying  
21 for admission into the institution, or the student if he is an  
22 independent adult, to sign and submit a statement acknowledging  
23 that he has reviewed the institution's student consumer information  
24 report.

25 (cf: P.L.2009, c.197, s.2)

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27 2. Section 3 of P.L.2009, c.197 (C.18A:3B-45) is amended to  
28 read as follows:

29 3. a. The **【Commission on】 Secretary of Higher Education**  
30 shall issue guidelines and criteria for collecting and calculating the  
31 information required pursuant to section 2 of this act and shall  
32 prescribe a uniform reporting method for posting the information.

33 b. The **【Commission on】 Secretary of Higher Education** shall  
34 annually compile the student consumer information reports  
35 submitted pursuant to subsection c. of section 2 of this act into a  
36 comparative profile of all four-year public and independent  
37 institutions of higher education. The **【commission】 secretary** shall  
38 present the information on its website in a manner that allows  
39 college students and their families to easily compare student  
40 consumer information across public institutions and across  
41 independent institutions.

42 (cf: P.L.2009, c.197, s.3)

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44 3. a. (New section) A private vocational school shall provide  
45 for public inspection on its website comprehensive student  
46 employment data beginning with data compiled for students who  
47 graduated from or completed a program of the institution in 2017.  
48 The employment data shall include, but need not be limited to: the

1 overall number and percentage of students who are employed in a  
2 field related to their course of study one year following graduation  
3 from or completion of a program of the institution; the overall  
4 number and percentage of students who are employed in any field  
5 one year following graduation from or completion of a program of  
6 the institution; and the salary earned by students one year following  
7 graduation from or completion of a program of the institution. The  
8 institution shall maintain the employment data on its website for a  
9 period of four years following its compilation.

10 b. To effectuate the provisions of subsection a. of this section,  
11 beginning in 2018 and in each year thereafter, a private vocational  
12 school shall conduct an annual employment survey of the students  
13 who graduated or completed a program in the prior year.

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15 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

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20 This bill requires post-secondary educational institutions to  
21 collect and report certain employment data for recent graduates.  
22 Under the bill, four-year public and independent institutions of  
23 higher education will conduct an annual employment survey of the  
24 students who graduated in the prior academic year. The institutions  
25 will then post on their websites the student employment data which  
26 will include: the overall number and percentage of students who are  
27 employed in a field related to their major or course of study one  
28 year following graduation; the overall number and percentage of  
29 students who are employed in any field one year following  
30 graduation; and the salary earned by students one year following  
31 graduation. The institutions will maintain the employment data for  
32 each graduating class on their websites for a period of four  
33 academic years. The bill requires private vocational schools to  
34 collect and report the same student employment data for students  
35 who graduated from or completed a program of the school the prior  
36 year. Four-year public and independent institutions of higher  
37 education must also collect data on the overall number and  
38 percentage of students who enroll in a graduate program within one  
39 year following graduation from the institution.

40 Under the "New Jersey College Student and Parent Consumer  
41 Information Act," P.L.2009, c.197, four-year public institutions of  
42 higher education are currently required to provide on their websites  
43 information on the cost of attendance, the graduation rates of  
44 admitted students, and the faculty of the institution. This bill  
45 amends that law to require that independent institutions of higher  
46 education provide the same information on their websites, and to  
47 include employment data for recent graduates of the institution.  
48 Private vocational schools would only be required to provide the

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1 employment data. The bill provides that a private vocational school  
2 must report student employment data for students who graduated  
3 from or completed a program of the school in the prior year. Four-  
4 year public and independent institutions of higher education must  
5 first survey students who graduated from their institutions during  
6 the 2017-2018 academic year. Private vocational schools must first  
7 survey students who graduated from or completed a program of the  
8 institution in 2017.