

**INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION DISCLOSURE
REQUIREMENTS**

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STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Kim F. Coleman

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill enacts disclosure requirements for institutions of higher education.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms;
- requires an institution of higher education to disclose information regarding program completion, job placement, and costs for each program; and
- directs the Board of Regents to collect and maintain information.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

53B-1-112, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **53B-1-112** is enacted to read:

53B-1-112. Disclosure requirements for institution programs.



(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Department" means the Department of Workforce Services.

(b) (i) "Institution" means:

(A) the University of Utah;

(B) Utah State University;

(C) Weber State University;

(D) Southern Utah University;

(E) Snow College;

(F) Dixie State University;

(G) Utah Valley University;

(H) Salt Lake Community College; and

(I) except as provided in Subsection (1)(b)(iii), any other university or college established and maintained by the state.

(ii) "Institution" includes a branch or affiliated institution and a campus or facility owned, operated, or controlled by the governing board of the university or college.

(iii) "Institution" does not include an applied technology college as that term is defined in Section [53B-2a-101](#).

(c) "Job placement data" means information collected by the board, and based on information from the department, that reflects the job placement rate and industry employment information for a student who graduates from a program.

(d) (i) "Program" means a program of organized instruction or study at an institution that leads to:

(A) an academic degree;

(B) a professional degree;

(C) a vocational degree;

(D) a certificate of one year or greater or the direct assessment equivalent; or

(E) another recognized educational credential.

(ii) "Program" includes instruction or study that, in lieu of time as a measurement for student learning, utilizes direct assessment of student learning, or recognizes the direct assessment of student learning by others, if the assessment is consistent with the accreditation of the institution or program utilizing the results of the assessment.

59 (e) "Student loan information" means the percentage of students at an institution who:
60 (i) received a Title IV loan authorized under:
61 (A) the Federal Perkins Loan Program;
62 (B) the Federal Family Education Loan Program; or
63 (C) the William D. Ford Direct Loan Program; and
64 (ii) fail to pay a loan described in Subsection (1)(e)(i)(A), (B), or (C).
65 (f) "Total costs" means the estimated costs a student would incur while completing a
66 program, including:
67 (i) tuition and fees; and
68 (ii) books, supplies, and equipment.
69 (g) "Wage data" means information collected by the board, and based on information
70 from the department, that reflects a student's wage the first year and fifth year after a student
71 has successfully completed a program.
72 (2) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (5), for each program listed in an institution's
73 course catalog or each program otherwise offered by the institution, the institution shall
74 provide a conspicuous and direct link on the institution's website, subject to Subsection (2)(b),
75 to the following information maintained by the board in accordance with Subsection (3):
76 (i) job placement data;
77 (ii) ~~to the extent supporting data is available,~~ student loan information;
78 (iii) total costs; and
79 (iv) wage data.
80 (b) An institution shall include the information described in Subsection (2)(a) on each
81 institutional website that includes academic, cost, financial aid, or admissions information for a
82 program.
83 (3) The board or the board's designee shall:
84 (a) collect the information described in Subsection (2)(a);
85 (b) develop through user testing a format for the display of information described in
86 Subsection (2)(a) that is easily accessible and informative; and
87 (c) maintain the information described in Subsection (2)(a) so that it is current.
88 (4) No later than July 1, 2018:
89 (a) the board shall make the information described in Subsection (2)(a) available in a

90 format described in Subsection (3)(b); and

91 (b) an institution shall include the information described in Subsection (2)(a) in

92 accordance with Subsection (2)(b).

93 (5) An institution is not subject to Subsection (2) for a program that the institution is

94 required to report on under 34 C.F.R. Sec. 668.412.

95 (6) The board shall, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative

96 Rulemaking Act, make rules for the implementation and administration of this section.

Legislative Review Note

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