SB176 ENROLLED



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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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- 3 To create the Students' Right to Know Act of 2023; to
- 4 require the Alabama Commission on Higher Education to collect
- 5 data and create an interactive online tool for students for
- 6 use in making informed decisions relating to education and
- 7 professions; and to require the commission and Workforce
- 8 Development Division of the Department of Commerce to share
- 9 data and information as necessary to comply with this act.
- 10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:
- 11 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as
- 12 the Students' Right to Know Act of 2023.
- 13 Section 2. This act requires the Alabama Commission on
- 14 Higher Education to provide information to students to allow
- 15 those students to make informed decisions about their
- 16 education and professional future.
- 17 Section 3. As used in this act, the following terms
- 18 shall have the following meanings:
- 19 (1) COMMISSION. The Alabama Commission on Higher
- 20 Education.
- 21 (2) DIVISION. The Workforce Development Division of the
- 22 Department of Commerce that administers or oversees the
- 23 state's workforce programs, state job board, or any type of
- 24 workforce program that receives funding from the United States
- 25 Department of Labor.
- 26 Section 4. The commission shall collect and compile all
- of the following information on an annual basis:
- 28 (1) The 50 most in-demand jobs in the state and their



- 29 corresponding starting salaries and education level
- 30 requirements.
- 31 (2) The average cost for all colleges and universities
- 32 in the state.
- 33 (3) The average monthly student loan payment for
- 34 individuals attending colleges and universities in the state,
- 35 by institution.
- 36 (4) The average three-year student loan default rate
- for all colleges and universities in the state.
- 38 (5) The average total student loan debt for graduates
- 39 of colleges and universities, for two-year, four-year, and
- 40 graduate programs.
- 41 (6) The average four-year graduation rate for all
- 42 universities in the state.
- 43 (7) The average graduation rate for all community
- 44 colleges in the state.
- 45 (8) The completion rates for apprenticeship programs,
- 46 high school credential programs, and career and technical
- 47 education programs.
- 48 (9) The average salary one year after graduation by
- 49 college or university major.
- 50 (10) The average salary one year after completion of an
- 51 apprenticeship program, high school credential program, or
- 52 career and technical education program.
- 53 (11) The base pay for newly enlisted service members.
- Section 5. (a) The commission shall create an
- 55 interactive online tool, known as the Student Horizon
- Database, to publish and provide to individuals information



- 57 including, but not limited to, the following:
- 58 (1) The 50 most popular education programs in colleges,
- 59 universities, and career and technical education programs in
- the state based on information collected in Section 4.
- 61 (2) A searchable database capable of comparing all of
- the following based on users' selections:
- a. Average annual cost, including average financial
- 64 assistance.
- 65 b. Average annual cost, not including any financial
- 66 assistance.
- c. Graduation rate.
- d. Average salary after attending, but not completing,
- 69 a college or university program.
- 70 e. Average salary for individuals completing one of the
- 71 five most popular majors at a college or university.
- f. Full-time enrollment.
- 73 g. Percentage of students not in default of student
- 74 loans.
- 75 h. Average total debt after graduation.
- 76 i. Percentage of students receiving federal loans.
- j. Average monthly student loan payments for graduates.
- 78 k. Average monthly student loan payments for
- 79 nongraduates.
- 1. Percentage of students who return after their first
- 81 year.
- m. Graduation, withdrawal, transfer, and current
- 83 enrollment rates for students within eight semesters after
- 84 enrollment.



- (b) The database shall allow students to have the option of selecting a specific major or course of study at a specific institution, and be able to reasonably identify all of the information referenced in this section.
- Section 6. On or before October 31, 2024, and each

 October thereafter, the commission shall publish and make

 available to high school students a Student Graduate Horizon

 Scorecard that shall contain all of the following data,

 collected and aggregated pursuant to this act:
 - (1) The 50 highest paying four-year degrees.
- 95 (2) The 20 highest paying career and technical education and certificate programs.

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- 97 (3) The 25 most in-demand jobs in the state and their 98 corresponding starting salaries and education requirements.
- 99 (4) The base pay, benefits, and average signing bonus 100 for enlistment in the military, along with the necessary Armed 101 Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) score by the 102 military branch.
- Section 7. The commission shall issue an annual report to the Legislature outlining the effectiveness of colleges, universities, or any other postsecondary education institutions accepting public funding in aligning their curricula or programs with the state job market, including the degree to which they contribute to filling the most in-demand jobs in the state.
- Section 8. The commission and the division shall enter into a memorandum of understanding to share any data or information necessary to comply with this act.





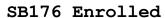
Section 9. To satisfy the requirements of this act, the 113 114 commission may do either of the following: (1) Utilize and incorporate preexisting databases, such 115 116 as the United States College Scorecard, administered by the 117 federal department of education, as well as any other data 118 sets available to the commission. (2) Compel colleges and universities to collect and 119 120 provide information or data as necessary. 121 Section 10. The commission shall adopt any necessary 122 rules to implement this act. 123 Section 11. This act shall become effective January 1,

2024, following its passage and approval by the Governor, or

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its otherwise becoming law.





President and Presiding Officer of the Senate Speaker of the House of Representatives SB176 Senate 16-May-23 I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate, as amended. Patrick Harris, Secretary. House of Representatives Passed: 31-May-23 154 By: Senator Orr