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HB 2438: commerce authority; career landscape information

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Overview

Instructs the Arizona Commerce Authority (ACA) to collect and publicly distribute specified graduation and employment information.

History

The ACA's mission is to provide private sector leadership in growing and diversifying the economy, creating high quality employment through expansion, attraction and retention of businesses and marketing ([A.R.S. § 41-1502](#)).

Community college means an educational institution that is operated by a district board and that provides a program not exceeding two years' training in the arts, sciences and humanities beyond the twelfth grade of the public or private high school course of study or vocational education, including terminal courses of a technical and vocational nature and basic adult education courses ([A.R.S. § 15-1401](#)).

Vocational program means a program that is completed by at least twenty-five persons during the fiscal year and that is one of the following:

- 1) Operated by a community college district and designated as a vocational program, including vocational programs operated by a skill center; or
- 2) A private licensed vocational program and that does not provide a baccalaureate degree. ([A.R.S. § 15-1831](#)).

Provisions

1. Requires the ACA to annually collect and compile the following information:
 - a) The most in-demand jobs in the state, including starting salary and required education level;
 - b) The average cost to attend, average monthly student loan payment of individuals who attended, average three-year student loan default rate of individuals who attended, average graduation rate and average starting salary of individuals who graduated from each of the following:
 - i. Each university under the jurisdiction of the Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR);
 - ii. Community colleges;
 - iii. Vocational programs; and
 - iv. Private postsecondary institutions.
 - c) The completion rates for:
 - i. Department of Economic Security-approved and U.S. Department of Labor-approved apprenticeship programs;
 - ii. High school equivalency programs; and
 - iii. Career and technical education programs. (Sec. 1)

Prop 105 (45 votes) Prop 108 (40 votes) Emergency (40 votes) Fiscal Note

2. Directs the ACA, no later than December 1, to annually transmit the information collected and compiled to each public high school to distribute to students. (Sec. 1)
3. Requires all state agencies, ABOR universities, community colleges, vocational programs and private postsecondary institutions to provide data, reports and other information as requested by the ACA. (Sec. 1)
4. Instructs the ACA to make the information collected and compiled publicly available and to post it on its website. (Sec. 1)
5. Defines *community college* and *vocational program*. (Sec. 1)
6. Cites this act as the "Students' Right to Know Act". (Sec. 2)
7. Contains a delayed effective date of January 1, 2022. (Sec. 3)

Amendments

Committee on Commerce

1. Replaces *average* with *lowest to highest median*.
2. Removes *average* regarding graduation rate.
3. Includes a requirement for education entities to submit data and other information to the ACA prior to October 1 of each year.