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HB 2438: commerce authority; career landscape information

Sponsor: Representative Carroll, LD 22

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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, median monthly student loan payment and starting earnings among undergraduate fields of study for individuals who attended, three-year student loan default rate of individuals who attended, and the graduation rate 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)

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2. Directs the ACA, by December 1, to annually transmit the information 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. Directs the educational entities, by October 1, to annually submit data and other information to the ACA.
5. Instructs the ACA to make the information publicly available and to post it on its website. (Sec. 1)
6. Defines *community college* and *vocational program*. (Sec. 1)
7. Cites this act as the "Students' Right to Know Act". (Sec. 2)
8. Contains a delayed effective date of January 1, 2022. (Sec. 3)