

House Substitute for SENATE BILL No. 193

By Committee on Education

2-16

1 AN ACT concerning state educational institutions; relating to degree
2 program transparency.

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4 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

5 Section 1. (a) The state board of regents shall publish degree
6 prospectus information for each undergraduate degree program offered by
7 each postsecondary educational institution that summarizes information
8 and statistics on such degree program. Upon request, each postsecondary
9 educational institution shall provide any necessary information to the state
10 board of regents.

11 (b) The degree prospectus for each degree program shall include the
12 following:

13 (1) A description of the degree program, provided nothing in the
14 description shall contradict, mitigate or otherwise explain any of the
15 statistical information described in subsections (b)(2) through (b)(8);

16 (2) the typical number of years recent graduates have taken to obtain
17 the degree from such postsecondary educational institution;

18 (3) the expected number of credit hours required to obtain the degree
19 from such postsecondary educational institution;

20 (4) the expected aggregate cost and cost per year incurred by an
21 individual to obtain the degree from such postsecondary educational
22 institution, including tuition, room and board, books and student fees;

23 (5) the aggregate degree investment incurred by an individual to
24 obtain the degree from such postsecondary educational institution
25 determined by subtracting the typical amount of grants, ~~and~~ scholarships
26 ~~and loans~~ awarded for such degree from the aggregate cost;

27 (6) the median wage information of recent graduates from such
28 degree program as reported by the state department of labor and any other
29 state where data sharing agreements governing the reporting of such
30 information may be obtained upon entry into the workforce, and median
31 wages after five years;

32 (7) the percentage of graduates who are employed in this state or any
33 other state where data sharing agreements governing the publication of
34 such information may be obtained, within one year from entry into the
35 workforce; and

36 (8) the number of years required to fully recoup the degree

1 investment and typical loan debt incurred by an individual to obtain the
2 degree from such postsecondary educational institution, at an annual
3 interest rate set by the state board of regents which shall be the maximum
4 federally guaranteed student interest rate showing the number of years
5 necessary to fully recoup the degree investment, the monthly payment
6 amount and percentage of earnings required to repay estimated loan
7 commitments which correspond to the following number of years of
8 repayment: 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 years. The monthly payment amount
9 shall be determined by dividing the median wage upon entry into the
10 workforce by the corresponding number of years of repayment.

11 (c) The state board of regents shall:

12 (1) Make degree prospectus information readily available through a
13 link on the state board of regents' official website; and

14 (2) update each degree prospectus at least once per year.

15 (d) Each postsecondary educational institution shall:

16 (1) Make degree prospectus information readily available through a
17 link on such institution's official website homepage and on any web page
18 dedicated to the promotion of a degree program, which shall be titled by
19 the state board of regents and promoted statewide in a uniform manner at
20 the direction of the state board of regents;

21 (2) promote degree prospectus information to each student who
22 inquires about the degree program; and

23 (3) promote degree prospectus information whenever a hard copy of
24 any written materials concerning the degree program are provided.

25 (e) The state board of regents shall adopt rules and regulations
26 necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

27 (f) As used in this section:

28 (1) "Postsecondary educational institution" means:

29 (A) For school year 2016-2017, any state educational institution and
30 any municipal university; and

31 (B) for school year 2017-2018 and each school year thereafter, any
32 state educational institution, municipal university, community college,
33 technical college and institute of technology, and includes any entity
34 resulting from the consolidation or affiliation of any two or more of such
35 postsecondary educational institutions.

36 (2) "State educational institution," "municipal university,"
37 "community college," "technical college" and "institute of technology"
38 mean the same as such terms are defined in K.S.A. 74-3201b, and
39 amendments thereto.

40 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
41 publication in the statute book.