

**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, scholarships and  
26 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.