

1 **INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION DISCLOSURE**

2 **REQUIREMENTS**

3 2017 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Kim F. Coleman**

6 Senate Sponsor: Howard A. Stephenson

8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This bill enacts disclosure requirements for institutions of higher education.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12 This bill:

- 13 ▶ defines terms;
- 14 ▶ requires an institution of higher education to disclose information regarding
- 15 program completion, job placement, and costs for each program; and
- 16 ▶ directs the Board of Regents to collect and maintain information.

17 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

18 None

19 **Other Special Clauses:**

20 None

21 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

22 ENACTS:

23 **53B-1-112**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

25 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

26 Section 1. Section **53B-1-112** is enacted to read:

27 **53B-1-112. Disclosure requirements for institution programs.**

28 (1) As used in this section:

29 (a) "Department" means the Department of Workforce Services.

- 30 (b) (i) "Institution" means:
31 (A) the University of Utah;
32 (B) Utah State University;
33 (C) Weber State University;
34 (D) Southern Utah University;
35 (E) Snow College;
36 (F) Dixie State University;
37 (G) Utah Valley University;
38 (H) Salt Lake Community College; and
39 (I) except as provided in Subsection (1)(b)(iii), any other university or college
40 established and maintained by the state.
41 (ii) "Institution" includes a branch or affiliated institution and a campus or facility
42 owned, operated, or controlled by the governing board of the university or college.
43 (iii) "Institution" does not include an applied technology college as that term is defined
44 in Section [53B-2a-101](#).
45 (c) "Job placement data" means information collected by the board, and based on
46 information from the department, that reflects the job placement rate and industry employment
47 information for a student who graduates from a program.
48 (d) (i) "Program" means a program of organized instruction or study at an institution
49 that leads to:
50 (A) an academic degree;
51 (B) a professional degree;
52 (C) a vocational degree;
53 (D) a certificate of one year or greater or the direct assessment equivalent; or
54 (E) another recognized educational credential.
55 (ii) "Program" includes instruction or study that, in lieu of time as a measurement for
56 student learning, utilizes direct assessment of student learning, or recognizes the direct
57 assessment of student learning by others, if the assessment is consistent with the accreditation

58 of the institution or program utilizing the results of the assessment.

59 (e) "Student loan information" means the percentage of students at an institution who:

60 (i) received a Title IV loan authorized under:

61 (A) the Federal Perkins Loan Program;

62 (B) the Federal Family Education Loan Program; or

63 (C) the William D. Ford Direct Loan Program; and

64 (ii) fail to pay a loan described in Subsection (1)(e)(i)(A), (B), or (C).

65 (f) "Total costs" means:

66 (i) the estimated costs a student would incur while completing a program, including:

67 (A) tuition and fees; and

68 (B) books, supplies, and equipment; and

69 (ii) calculated based on a student's degree, the institution's average costs that would be
70 incurred while a student completes a program and are subsidized by taxpayer contribution,

71 including:

72 (A) tuition and fees; and

73 (B) other applicable expenses subsidized by taxpayer contribution for program
74 completion.

75 (g) "Wage data" means information collected by the board, and based on information
76 from the department, that reflects a student's wage the first year and fifth year after a student
77 has successfully completed a program.

78 (2) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (5), for each program listed in an institution's
79 course catalog or each program otherwise offered by the institution, the institution shall
80 provide a conspicuous and direct link on the institution's website, subject to Subsection (2)(b),
81 to the following information maintained by the board in accordance with Subsection (3):

82 (i) job placement data;

83 (ii) to the extent supporting data is available, student loan information;

84 (iii) total costs; and

85 (iv) wage data.

86 (b) An institution shall include the information described in Subsection (2)(a) on each
87 institutional website that includes academic, cost, financial aid, or admissions information for a
88 program.

89 (3) The board or the board's designee shall:

90 (a) collect the information described in Subsection (2)(a);

91 (b) develop through user testing a format for the display of information described in
92 Subsection (2)(a) that is easily accessible and informative; and

93 (c) maintain the information described in Subsection (2)(a) so that it is current.

94 (4) No later than July 1, 2018:

95 (a) the board shall make the information described in Subsection (2)(a) available in a
96 format described in Subsection (3)(b); and

97 (b) an institution shall include the information described in Subsection (2)(a) in
98 accordance with Subsection (2)(b).

99 (5) An institution is not subject to Subsection (2) for a program that the institution is
100 required to report on under 34 C.F.R. Sec. 668.412.

101 (6) The board shall, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative
102 Rulemaking Act, make rules for the implementation and administration of this section.