

HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION INFORMATION

AMENDMENTS

2019 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jacob L. Anderegg

House Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill requires the Utah Data Research Center to maintain a higher education institution information website.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ enacts provisions requiring the Utah Data Research Center (center) to report to the Economic Development and Workforce Services Interim Committee;
 - ▶ requires the center to maintain a higher education institution information website;
- and
- ▶ makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

35A-14-304, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 375

RENUMBERS AND AMENDS:

35A-14-305, (Renumbered from 53B-1-112, as last amended by Coordination Clause,



28 Laws of Utah 2018, Chapter 315)



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

31 Section 1. Section **35A-14-304** is amended to read:

32 **35A-14-304. Reporting.**

33 (1) The center shall report to the Education Interim Committee and the Economic
34 Development and Workforce Services Interim Committee:

35 (a) before July 1 of each year regarding the center's:

36 (i) research priorities for the year; and

37 (ii) completed research from the previous year; and

38 (b) before December 1 of each year, the center's ongoing data research priority list
39 described in Subsection **35A-14-302(2)**.

40 (2) The Education Interim Committee and the Economic Development and Workforce
41 Services Interim Committee shall provide the center ongoing input regarding the center's data
42 research priorities.

43 Section 2. Section **35A-14-305**, which is renumbered from Section 53B-1-112 is
44 renumbered and amended to read:

45 ~~[53B-1-112].~~ **35A-14-305. Higher education institution information**
46 **website.**

47 (1) As used in this section:

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

49 (b) [(†)] "Institution" means[:] an institution listed in Subsections 53B-2-101(1)(a)
50 through (h).

51 [~~(A) the University of Utah;~~]

52 [~~(B) Utah State University;~~]

53 [~~(C) Weber State University;~~]

54 [~~(D) Southern Utah University;~~]

55 [~~(E) Snow College;~~]

56 [~~(F) Dixie State University;~~]

57 [~~(G) Utah Valley University;~~]

58 [~~(H) Salt Lake Community College; and]~~

59 ~~[(f) except as provided in Subsection (1)(b)(iii), any other university or college~~
 60 ~~established and maintained by the state.]~~

61 ~~[(ii) "Institution" includes a branch or affiliated institution and a campus or facility~~
 62 ~~owned, operated, or controlled by the governing board of the university or college.]~~

63 ~~[(iii) "Institution" does not include a technical college.]~~

64 (c) "Job placement [~~data~~] information" means information collected by the [~~board~~]
 65 center, and based on information from the department, that reflects the job placement rate and
 66 industry employment information for a student who graduates from a program.

67 (d) (i) "Program" means a program of organized instruction or study at an institution
 68 that leads to:

69 (A) an academic degree;

70 (B) a professional degree;

71 (C) a vocational degree;

72 (D) a certificate of one year or greater or the direct assessment equivalent; or

73 (E) another recognized educational credential.

74 (ii) "Program" includes instruction or study that, in lieu of time as a measurement for
 75 student learning, utilizes direct assessment of student learning, or recognizes the direct
 76 assessment of student learning by others, if the assessment is consistent with the accreditation
 77 of the institution or program utilizing the results of the assessment.

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

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

80 (A) the Federal Perkins Loan Program;

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

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

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

84 (f) "Total costs" means:

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

86 (A) tuition and fees; and

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

88 (ii) calculated based on a student's [~~degree~~] program, the institution's average costs that
 89 would be incurred while a student completes a program and are subsidized by taxpayer

90 contribution, including:

91 (A) tuition and fees; and

92 (B) other applicable expenses subsidized by taxpayer contribution for program
93 completion.

94 (g) "Student payment options" means a program or resource, including the following,
95 that provides funds for a student for payment of total costs or a portion of total costs:

96 (i) a private or public loan program for which a student may be eligible;

97 (ii) grants for which a student may be eligible;

98 (iii) work-study stipends for which a student by may be eligible;

99 (iv) payment from personal finances; or

100 (v) public or private scholarships for which a student may be eligible.

101 [(g)] (h) "Wage [data] information" means information collected by the [board] center,
102 and based on information from the department, that reflects a student's wage the first year and
103 fifth year after a student has successfully completed a program.

104 (2) (a) The center shall make available to the public, on a website maintained by the
105 center, the following information for each program within each institution:

106 (i) job placement information;

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

108 (iii) total costs;

109 (iv) student payment options; and

110 (v) wage information.

111 (b) Upon request, the Board of Regents shall provide the center with information
112 described in this section.

113 (3) The website shall display the information described in Subsection (2) in an
114 accessible format that:

115 (a) may be customized to an individual's post-secondary education plans;

116 (b) provides student payment options that are relevant and reasonably available to an
117 individual student; and

118 (c) allows for easy comparison of:

119 (i) the same program or similar programs between at least two institutions; or

120 (ii) one or more programs between at least two institutions or within the same

121 institution.

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

126 ~~[(i) job placement data;]~~

127 ~~[(ii) to the extent supporting data is available, student loan information;]~~

128 ~~[(iii) total costs; and]~~

129 ~~[(iv) wage data.]~~

130 ~~[(b)]~~ (4) An institution shall include ~~[the information]~~ a conspicuous and direct link to
 131 the website described in Subsection (2)~~[(a)]~~ on each institutional ~~[website]~~ web page that
 132 includes academic, cost, financial aid, or admissions information for a program.

133 ~~[(3)]~~ (5) The ~~[board or the board's designee]~~ center shall:

134 (a) collect the information described in Subsection (2)~~[(a)]~~;

135 (b) develop through user testing a format for the display of information described in
 136 Subsection (2)~~[(a)]~~ that is easily accessible and informative; and

137 (c) maintain the information and website described in Subsection (2)~~[(a)]~~ so that it is
 138 current.

139 ~~[(4)]~~ (6) No later than ~~[July 1, 2018]~~ May 1, 2020:

140 (a) the ~~[board]~~ center shall make the ~~[information]~~ website described in Subsection
 141 ~~[(2)(a) available in a format described in Subsection (3)(b)]~~ (2) available; and

142 (b) an institution shall ~~[include the information described in Subsection (2)(a) in~~
 143 ~~accordance with Subsection (2)(b)]~~ comply with Subsection (4).

144 ~~[(5)]~~ (7) An institution is not subject to Subsection ~~[(2)]~~ (4) for a program that the
 145 institution is required to report on under 34 C.F.R. Sec. 668.412.

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