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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring public and private postsecondary educational
2 institutions to compile and make available graduate outcomes
3 reports and including applicability provisions.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 260C.33 Graduate outcomes report —
2 salary and job placement disclosure.

3 1. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise
4 requires:

5 a. "*Graduates available for employment*" means the number
6 of graduates minus the number of graduates unavailable for
7 employment.

8 b. "*Graduates employed in the field*" means graduates who
9 are gainfully employed in a single position for which the
10 institution represents the program prepares its graduates,
11 beginning within six months after a student completes the
12 applicable degree or certificate program. For occupations for
13 which the state requires passing an examination, the period of
14 employment shall begin within six months of the announcement
15 of the examination results for the first examination available
16 after a student completes an applicable educational program.

17 c. "*Graduates unavailable for employment*" means graduates
18 who, after graduation, die, become incarcerated, are called to
19 active military duty, are international students who leave the
20 United States or do not have a visa allowing employment in the
21 United States, or are enrolled at an accredited postsecondary
22 institution.

23 2. Each community college shall annually compile and make
24 electronically accessible to each enrolled student a graduate
25 outcomes report that includes data on the employment of and
26 salaries earned by graduates of each degree or certificate
27 program the community college offered during the prior school
28 year.

29 3. The graduate outcomes report shall include, at a minimum,
30 the following:

31 a. The job placement rate, calculated by dividing the
32 number of graduates employed in the field by the number of
33 graduates available for employment for each program that is
34 either designed or advertised to lead to a particular career or
35 which is advertised or promoted with any claim regarding job

1 placement.

2 *b.* Salary and wage information, consisting of the total
3 number of graduates employed in the field and the annual wages
4 or salaries of those graduates stated in increments of five
5 thousand dollars.

6 4. Each community college shall maintain each year's
7 graduate outcomes report and make it electronically accessible
8 to the public for not less than five years from the date of the
9 publication of the rates and information.

10 Sec. 2. Section 261.2, subsection 10, Code 2017, is amended
11 by adding the following new paragraph:

12 NEW PARAGRAPH. *c.* The institutions make electronically
13 accessible to each enrolled student a graduate outcomes report,
14 which shall include data on the employment of and salaries
15 earned by graduates of each degree and certificate program
16 the institution offered during the prior school year, and
17 shall be compiled annually in the same manner as prescribed
18 for community colleges in section 260C.33. The institutions
19 shall retain each year's graduate outcomes report and make the
20 report electronically accessible to the public for not less
21 than five years from the date of the publication of the rates
22 and information.

23 Sec. 3. Section 262.9, Code 2017, is amended by adding the
24 following new subsection:

25 NEW SUBSECTION. 39. Require each institution of higher
26 education to compile and make electronically accessible to each
27 enrolled student a graduate outcomes report. The graduate
28 outcomes report shall include data on the employment of and
29 salaries earned by graduates of each degree and certificate
30 program the institution offered during the prior school year,
31 and shall be annually compiled in the same manner as prescribed
32 for community colleges in section 260C.33. Each institution
33 shall retain each year's graduate outcomes report and make the
34 report electronically accessible to the public for not less
35 than five years from the date of the publication of the rates

1 and information.

2 Sec. 4. APPLICABILITY. The provisions of this Act relating
3 to electronic accessibility by students to graduate outcomes
4 reports is applicable for school years beginning on or after
5 July 1, 2018.

6 EXPLANATION

7 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
8 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

9 This bill requires each community college, accredited
10 private institution, and regents university to annually
11 compile and make electronically accessible to each enrolled
12 student a graduate outcomes report that includes data on the
13 employment of and salaries earned by graduates of each degree
14 or certificate program the public or private postsecondary
15 educational institution offered during the prior school year.

16 The graduate outcomes report must include, at a minimum, the
17 job placement rate and salary and wage information consisting
18 of the total number of graduates employed in the field and
19 the annual wages or salaries of those graduates stated in
20 increments of \$5,000.

21 Under the bill, "graduates available for employment" is
22 the number of graduates minus the number of graduates who are
23 unavailable for employment due to death, incarceration, active
24 military duty, departure from the United States, or enrollment
25 at an accredited postsecondary institution. "Graduates
26 employed in the field" are graduates who are gainfully employed
27 in a single position for which the institution represents the
28 program prepares its graduates, beginning within six months
29 after a student completes the applicable degree or certificate
30 program. For occupations for which the state requires passing
31 an examination, the period of employment shall begin within
32 six months of the announcement of the examination results for
33 the first examination available after a student completes an
34 applicable educational program.

35 Each report must be retained by the institution and

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1 electronically accessible to the public for five years from the
2 date of the publication of the rates and information.

3 The provisions of the bill relating to electronic
4 accessibility by students to graduate outcomes reports is
5 applicable for school years beginning on or after July 1, 2018.