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SENATE BILL No. 193

By Committee on Ways and Means

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AN ACT concerning postsecondary educational institutions; relating to degree program transparency.

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

Section 1. (a) On or before ~~January~~ *July* 1, 2016, each postsecondary educational institution the state board of regents shall publish a single-page degree prospectus for each degree program offered by such each postsecondary educational institution that summarizes information and statistics on such degree program. ~~The information to be included in~~ Each postsecondary educational institution shall provide any necessary information to the state board of regents. The degree prospectus for each degree program shall include the following:

(1) A description of the degree program, provided nothing in the description shall contradict, mitigate or otherwise explain any of the statistical information described in subsection (a)(2) through (a)(8);

(2) the average number of years ~~required~~ to obtain the degree from such postsecondary educational institution;

~~{(3) the expected number of years to obtain the degree from such postsecondary educational institution;}~~

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

~~{(5) the aggregate degree investment incurred by an individual to obtain the degree from such postsecondary educational institution determined by subtracting the average amount of grants and scholarships awarded for such degree from the aggregate cost;~~

~~{(5) {(6) the average amount of time between graduation and full-time employment for an individual who obtains the degree from such postsecondary educational institution;~~

~~{(5) {(7) a graphical representation of the salary distribution among students who obtain the degree from such postsecondary educational institution and who become employed in the degree field,~~

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(b) The state board of regents shall make each degree prospectus readily available through a link on the state board of regents' website and which link shall be titled "Degree Prospectus."

(c) Each postsecondary educational institution shall:

(1) Make the degree prospectus readily available on the postsecondary education institutions website homepage through a link that shall be no less prominent in size and typeface as the most prominent link located on such homepage, and which shall be titled "Degree Prospectus;"

(2) Provide an electronic copy of the degree prospectus to each student who inquires about the degree program; and

(3) provide a hard copy of the degree prospectus to each student whenever a hard copy of any written materials concerning the degree program are provided.

(d) Each degree prospectus shall be updated by the postsecondary educational institution at least once each year.

(e) Each postsecondary educational institution may offer each graduate from such institution \$100 as an incentive to the graduate to provide information such institution needs in order to provide an accurate degree prospectus. The incentive payment shall only be paid to those individuals to which such offer is made that fully comply with the process utilized by the institution to collect the information necessary to comply with this section.

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

(g) As used in this section:

(1) "postsecondary educational institution" shall have the same meaning as that term is defined in K.S.A. 74-3201b, and amendments thereto.

(2) "Publish" means to make the degree prospectus readily available on the postsecondary educational institution's website homepage through a link that shall be no less prominent in size and typeface as the most prominent link located on such institution's website homepage, and which shall be titled "Degree Prospectus;" to provide an electronic copy of the degree prospectus to each student who inquires about the degree program and to provide a hard copy of the degree prospectus to each student whenever a hard copy of any written materials concerning the degree program are provided means the university of Kansas, Kansas state university, Wichita state university, Emporia state university, Pittsburg state university, and Fort Hays state university.

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