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§18-10P-3. Career landscape information collection.

The following information, to the extent available, shall be collected and compiled by the State Board of Education, in collaboration with the Higher Education Policy Commission and the Council for Community and Technical College Education, on an annual basis:

(1) The most in-demand occupations in the state, including entry wage and common degree levels (e.g., associate's, bachelor's, or master's) for entering the occupation;

(2) The average cost of two and four-year colleges, universities, and vocational schools in the state by type of institution;

(3) The federal and state scholarship, merit, and need-based aid programs available for attending two and four-year colleges, universities, and vocational schools in the state by type of institution;

(4) The average monthly student loan payment and the average total amount of student loans for individuals who attend all two and four-year colleges, universities, and vocational schools in the state by the type of institution;

(5) The average student loan default rate for two and four-year colleges, universities, and vocational schools in the state by type of institution;

(6) Information relating to the availability of paid internship and externship opportunities for students attending two and four-year colleges, universities, and vocational schools in the state by type of institution;

(7) The average graduation rate for two and four-year colleges, universities, and vocational schools in the state by type of institution;

(8) The completion rates for apprenticeship programs, high school credential programs, and career and technical education programs;

(9) The percentage of college graduates working in an occupation that does not require a college degree for each major;

(10) Median annual wages for public college/university graduates by degree level and degree area;

(11) The average starting salary of career-technical education completers;

(12) The number of military first-term enlistments and each branch's starting salary;

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(13) Contact information for each of the two and four-year colleges, universities, and vocational schools in the state, and each branch of the U.S. armed forces, National Guard, and reserves; and

(14) Any other information the State Board of Education, the Higher Education Policy Commission, or the Council for Community and Technical College Education deem appropriate to assist high school students in weighing the costs and benefits of post-high school training and education.

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