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1 AN ACT Relating to higher education programs; adding a new section
2 to chapter 43.41 RCW; and creating a new section.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature acknowledges that
5 students need information on the wage growth potential before they
6 decide to enroll in a higher education program and that this
7 information is not available for many higher education programs in the
8 state.

9 (2) The legislature recognizes that long-term earnings and
10 employment information for graduates of higher education programs
11 provides higher education leaders and policymakers with valuable
12 information.

13 (3) The legislature recognizes that the collection of any data on
14 employment and earnings must strictly follow federal privacy
15 guidelines, including the removal of personally identifiable
16 information and methods of identifying individuals, such as the removal
17 of certain data sets and data sets for cohorts of fewer than ten.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.41 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 (1) By October 1st annually, the education data center shall
4 publish short and long-term earnings and employment data on its web
5 site for completers of higher education degrees, apprenticeships, and
6 certificates awarded by institutions of higher education as defined in
7 RCW 28B.10.016 for each institution. The data must include at a
8 minimum:

9 (a) The number and percentage of higher education program
10 completers for each program, with employment at eighteen months and
11 five years after the date of completion;

12 (b) The percentage of completers known to be employed for each
13 program; and

14 (c) The average or median salary for completers of each program.

15 (2) Data reported under subsection (1) of this section shall be by
16 degree, apprenticeship, or certificate program at each institution of
17 higher education.

18 (3) In order to collect and analyze the data, the education data
19 center shall consult with the state board for community and technical
20 colleges, the workforce training and education coordinating board, and
21 a representative of four-year institutions of higher education as
22 defined in RCW 28B.10.016, among others.

23 (4) In collecting and publishing the data, the education data
24 center and the agencies and institutions transmitting the data must
25 comply with the federal family educational rights and privacy act (20
26 U.S.C. Sec. 1232g), the federal unemployment compensation program
27 confidentiality rules (20 C.F.R., Part 603), and chapters 50.13 and
28 50.38 RCW.

29 (5) By November 1st annually, the education data center shall
30 prepare, or contract with an entity to prepare, an economic success
31 metrics report of employment and earnings outcomes for degrees,
32 apprenticeships, and certificates earned at institutions of higher
33 education as defined in RCW 28B.10.016. The report shall be delivered
34 to the governor and the higher education and fiscal committees of the
35 legislature and be provided in a format that is easily understandable
36 and accessible to the public through the education data center's web

1 site.

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