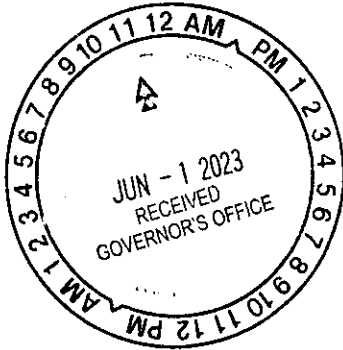




ACT #2023 - 556

1 DQA6HH-3
2 By Senators Orr, Albritton, Livingston, Butler, Allen,
3 Waggoner, Roberts, Jones
4 RFD: Finance and Taxation Education
5 First Read: 05-Apr-23
6 2023 Regular Session





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1 Enrolled, An Act,

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3 To create the Students' Right to Know Act of 2023; to
4 require the Alabama Commission on Higher Education to collect
5 data and create an interactive online tool for students for
6 use in making informed decisions relating to education and
7 professions; and to require the commission and Workforce
8 Development Division of the Department of Commerce to share
9 data and information as necessary to comply with this act.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

11 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as
12 the Students' Right to Know Act of 2023.

13 Section 2. This act requires the Alabama Commission on
14 Higher Education to provide information to students to allow
15 those students to make informed decisions about their
16 education and professional future.

17 Section 3. As used in this act, the following terms
18 shall have the following meanings:

19 (1) COMMISSION. The Alabama Commission on Higher
20 Education.

21 (2) DIVISION. The Workforce Development Division of the
22 Department of Commerce that administers or oversees the
23 state's workforce programs, state job board, or any type of
24 workforce program that receives funding from the United States
25 Department of Labor.

26 Section 4. The commission shall collect and compile all
27 of the following information on an annual basis:

28 (1) The 50 most in-demand jobs in the state and their



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29 corresponding starting salaries and education level
30 requirements.

31 (2) The average cost for all colleges and universities
32 in the state.

33 (3) The average monthly student loan payment for
34 individuals attending colleges and universities in the state,
35 by institution.

36 (4) The average three-year student loan default rate
37 for all colleges and universities in the state.

38 (5) The average total student loan debt for graduates
39 of colleges and universities, for two-year, four-year, and
40 graduate programs.

41 (6) The average four-year graduation rate for all
42 universities in the state.

43 (7) The average graduation rate for all community
44 colleges in the state.

45 (8) The completion rates for apprenticeship programs,
46 high school credential programs, and career and technical
47 education programs.

48 (9) The average salary one year after graduation by
49 college or university major.

50 (10) The average salary one year after completion of an
51 apprenticeship program, high school credential program, or
52 career and technical education program.

53 (11) The base pay for newly enlisted service members.

54 Section 5. (a) The commission shall create an
55 interactive online tool, known as the Student Horizon
56 Database, to publish and provide to individuals information



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57 including, but not limited to, the following:

58 (1) The 50 most popular education programs in colleges,
59 universities, and career and technical education programs in
60 the state based on information collected in Section 4.

61 (2) A searchable database capable of comparing all of
62 the following based on users' selections:

63 a. Average annual cost, including average financial
64 assistance.

65 b. Average annual cost, not including any financial
66 assistance.

67 c. Graduation rate.

68 d. Average salary after attending, but not completing,
69 a college or university program.

70 e. Average salary for individuals completing one of the
71 five most popular majors at a college or university.

72 f. Full-time enrollment.

73 g. Percentage of students not in default of student
74 loans.

75 h. Average total debt after graduation.

76 i. Percentage of students receiving federal loans.

77 j. Average monthly student loan payments for graduates.

78 k. Average monthly student loan payments for
79 nongraduates.

80 l. Percentage of students who return after their first
81 year.

82 m. Graduation, withdrawal, transfer, and current
83 enrollment rates for students within eight semesters after
84 enrollment.



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85 (b) The database shall allow students to have the
86 option of selecting a specific major or course of study at a
87 specific institution, and be able to reasonably identify all
88 of the information referenced in this section.

89 Section 6. On or before October 31, 2024, and each
90 October thereafter, the commission shall publish and make
91 available to high school students a Student Graduate Horizon
92 Scorecard that shall contain all of the following data,
93 collected and aggregated pursuant to this act:

94 (1) The 50 highest paying four-year degrees.

95 (2) The 20 highest paying career and technical
96 education and certificate programs.

97 (3) The 25 most in-demand jobs in the state and their
98 corresponding starting salaries and education requirements.

99 (4) The base pay, benefits, and average signing bonus
100 for enlistment in the military, along with the necessary Armed
101 Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) score by the
102 military branch.

103 Section 7. The commission shall issue an annual report
104 to the Legislature outlining the effectiveness of colleges,
105 universities, or any other postsecondary education
106 institutions accepting public funding in aligning their
107 curricula or programs with the state job market, including the
108 degree to which they contribute to filling the most in-demand
109 jobs in the state.

110 Section 8. The commission and the division shall enter
111 into a memorandum of understanding to share any data or
112 information necessary to comply with this act.



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113 Section 9. To satisfy the requirements of this act, the
114 commission may do either of the following:

115 (1) Utilize and incorporate preexisting databases, such
116 as the United States College Scorecard, administered by the
117 federal department of education, as well as any other data
118 sets available to the commission.

119 (2) Compel colleges and universities to collect and
120 provide information or data as necessary.


121 Section 10. The commission shall adopt any necessary
122 rules to implement this act.

123 Section 11. This act shall become effective January 1,
124 2024, following its passage and approval by the Governor, or
125 its otherwise becoming law.

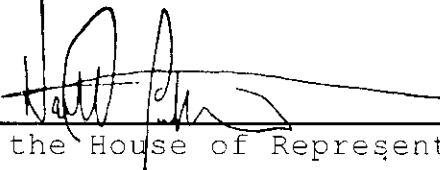


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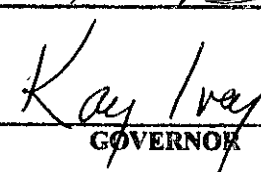
Senate 16-May-23

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate, as amended.

Patrick Harris,
Secretary.

House of Representatives
Passed: 31-May-23

By: Senator Orr

APPROVED 6-16-2023
TIME 10:45 AM


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Alabama Secretary Of State

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SENATE ACTION

I hereby certify that the Resolution as required in Section C of Act No. 81-889 was adopted and is attached to the Bill, SB 176.

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PATRICK HARRIS,
Secretary

I hereby certify that the notice & proof is attached to the Bill, SB _____ as required in the General Acts of Alabama, 1975 Act No. 919.

PATRICK HARRIS,
Secretary

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Senate Conferees _____

HOUSE ACTION

DATE: 5.16 2023

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

This bill having been referred by the House to its standing committee on Education Policy was acted upon by such committee in session, and returned therefrom to the House with the recommendation that it be Passed, w/amend(s) _____ w/sub _____ This 25th day of May, 2023.

McColline, Chairperson

DATE: 5.25 2023

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DATE: _____ 20____

RE-REFERRED RE-COMMITTED

Committee _____

I hereby certify that the Resolution as required in Section C of Act No. 81-889 was adopted and is attached to the Bill, SB 176.

YEAS _____ NAYS _____
JOHN TREADWELL,
Clerk

FURTHER HOUSE ACTION (OVER)