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Update on HB 1606 and Outcomes Reporting

Coordinating Board for Higher Education
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BACKGROUND

HB 1606 (2018) mandated that the Department of Higher Education, in collaboration with the Department of Economic Development, produce reporting on employment and wages by academic program, along with information on specific program costs and student time-to-degree. This information is required to be reported by public institutions on websites and in course catalogs by October 1, 2019.

CURRENT STATUS

The MDHE, the Department of Economic Development, and the public community and technical colleges have previously collaborated on a new college scorecard, MoSCORES, which provides some program outcomes and cost data. MoSCORES is now live at <https://jobs.mo.gov/jobseeker/training-and-education> and uses joined, de-identified student and wage record data to report outcomes for completers. It is currently limited to completers who can be found working in Missouri non-federal employment (with a few other exclusions) after graduation.

HB 1606 reporting requirements, summarized in an attachment, require different reporting timelines than are currently summarized in MoSCORES, but MDHE staff believe the existing database behind the website can be used to produce the required information, and have been meeting with ITSD to develop the reports.

The reports do require some additional data to be collected from the institutions. Program-level cost data, which would capture differential tuition and fees, has not been collected by MDHE in the past, although it's occasionally requested by legislators and others. HB 1606 would require this information, so MDHE staff developed a data template which mirrors reporting required for annual certification of programs for federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) eligibility by the Division of Workforce Development. Institutions are now required to provide the same data for non-WIOA programs. The new program information data file is currently being collected and validated.

NEXT STEPS

MDHE staff will continue to meet with ITSD staff to develop the required reports. MDHE staff will share prototypes and solicit feedback, and are hopeful that reports will be available on MoSCORES well in advance of the October 1 deadline, in a form to which the institutions can easily link or can export to display as required on their own websites.

RECOMMENDATION

This is an information item only.

ATTACHMENT

- HB 1606 Reporting Requirements

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2. The coordinating board for higher education and the department of economic development shall jointly provide the following information for each credential offered by a public institution of higher education:
 - (1) Common areas of employment for people who have earned the credential, including estimates of the numbers and types of jobs available in the professions or industries in which people who have earned the credential usually work;
 - (2) The number and percentage of graduates who earned the credential who were employed within one year of graduation for the five most recent graduating classes and, for the graduates so employed, their average income, where such data are available and can be provided in a manner that protects the privacy of graduates;
 - (3) The number and percentage of graduates who earned the credential who were working in a field related to their educational program within one year of graduation for the five most recent graduating classes and, for the graduates so employed, their average income, where such data are available and can be provided in a manner that protects the privacy of graduates;
 - (4) The number and percentage of graduates who earned the credential who were working in any field of employment within one year of graduation for the five most recent graduating classes and, for the graduates so employed, their average income, where such data are available and can be provided in a manner that protects the privacy of graduates;
 - (5) The average income and salary range for each year of the five years immediately following graduation for graduates who were employed for at least five years following graduation but not more than ten years, where such data are available and can be provided in a manner that protects the privacy of graduates;
 - (6) The number of academic years likely required to earn the credential based on statistics for recent graduates;
 - (7) Estimated tuition and fees required to earn the credential based on any on-campus housing costs for the number of academic years likely required to earn the credential if the student chooses on-campus housing, the number of credit hours required to earn the credential, and the course materials likely required to earn the credential; and
 - (8) Other relevant information, including a description of the limitations of the data posted, as deemed necessary by the coordinating board for higher education and the department of economic development.
3. The information described under subsection 2 of this section shall appear on the public website of the public institution of higher education alongside its credential offerings and, if the institution currently publishes a course catalog, be published in the course catalog alongside its credential offerings on or before October 1, 2019.
4. Each public institution of higher education shall ensure that its website and course catalog, if the institution currently publishes a course catalog, contains the information described under subsection 2 of this section, subject to the provisions of subsection 3 of this section.