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SYNOPSIS

Requires institutions of higher education to provide on website certain information on online degree students and graduate degree students.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Higher Education Committee on October 5, 2026, with amendments.



1 AN ACT concerning information provided by ¹**four-year public**¹
 2 institutions of higher education and amending P.L.2009, c.197.

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 4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
 5 *of New Jersey:*

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 7 ¹**1.**Section 2 of P.L.2009, c.197 (C.18A:3B-44) is amended to
 8 read as follows:

9 2. a. A four-year public institution of higher education shall
 10 provide for public inspection on its website comprehensive
 11 information on the cost of attendance, the graduation rates of
 12 admitted students, and the faculty of the institution. The purpose of
 13 the information shall be to maximize the awareness of students and
 14 their families of the costs associated with enrollment in the
 15 institution, the institution's success in ensuring the graduation of its
 16 students, and the composition of the teaching faculty that a student
 17 will encounter in his coursework. The institution shall post, and
 18 annually update, a student consumer information report on its
 19 website that includes:

- 20 (1) overall four-year and six-year graduation rates;
 21 (2) four-year and six-year graduation rates by demographic
 22 group;
 23 (3) four-year and six-year graduation rates by major;
 24 (4) four-year and six-year graduation rates for student-athletes;
 25 (5) the student transfer rate;
 26 (6) an overview of the institutions to which former students of
 27 that college or university have transferred prior to the completion of
 28 a degree;
 29 (7) the cost for the current academic year of attending the
 30 institution including tuition, student fees, room and board, and
 31 books and materials;
 32 (8) a description of the types of financial assistance offered
 33 directly by the institution to both student-athletes and to students
 34 who do not participate in athletic programs at the institution;
 35 (9) the percent of student-athletes who receive financial
 36 assistance directly from the institution and the average value of the
 37 assistance and the percent of students who do not participate in
 38 athletic programs at the institution who receive financial assistance
 39 directly from the institution and the average value of the assistance;
 40 (10) the total projected cost for an incoming freshman to live on
 41 campus and complete a degree in four years **and**, the total
 42 projected cost for an incoming freshman to commute to school and
 43 complete a degree in four years, and the total projected cost for an

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AHI committee amendments adopted October 5, 2026.

1 incoming freshman exclusively enrolled in online education courses
2 to complete a degree in four years;

3 (11) the total projected cost for an incoming freshman to live on
4 campus and complete a degree in six years **[and]**, the total
5 projected cost for an incoming freshman to commute to school and
6 complete a degree in six years, and the total projected cost for an
7 incoming freshman exclusively enrolled in online education courses
8 to complete a degree in six years;

9 (12) average student loan indebtedness of four-year graduates
10 calculated separately for **[both]** students who live on campus
11 **[and]**, students who commute, and students exclusively enrolled in
12 online education courses;

13 (13) average student loan indebtedness of six-year graduates
14 calculated separately for **[both]** students who live on campus
15 **[and]**, students who commute, and students exclusively enrolled in
16 online education courses;

17 (14) average student loan indebtedness of a student who
18 withdraws from the institution prior to the completion of a degree
19 program calculated separately for **[both]** students who live on
20 campus **[and]**, students who commute, and students exclusively
21 enrolled in online education courses;

22 (15) an overview of the institution's faculty, including the
23 percentage of faculty employed as a tenured professor, the
24 percentage of faculty employed as a full-time non-tenured
25 professor, and the percentage of faculty employed as an adjunct or
26 visiting professor;

27 (16) the percentage of courses taught by each of the different
28 categories of faculty; **[and]**

29 (17) an indicator of each academic department's capacity to
30 serve the students majoring within that department's programs, as
31 determined by the **[Commission on]** Secretary of Higher
32 Education;

33 (18) the number and percentage of students exclusively enrolled
34 in online education courses; and

35 (19) an overview of the education courses the institution offers
36 online, including the total number of courses offered and the course
37 level for each course.

38 The institution shall provide with all paper applications for
39 admission to the institution a hard copy of the information prepared
40 pursuant to this section.

41 b. A four-year public institution of higher education shall
42 conform to the guidelines, criteria, and format prescribed by the
43 **[Commission on]** Secretary of Higher Education in reporting the
44 information required pursuant to this section.

45 c. A four-year public institution of higher education shall
46 submit its student consumer information report to the **[Commission**
47 **on]** Secretary of Higher Education for inclusion in a comparative

1 profile of the student consumer information reports of all four-year
2 public institutions of higher education.

3 d. A four-year public institution of higher education shall
4 ensure that the page of its Internet site which includes its student
5 consumer information report contains a link to the page of the
6 **【Commission on】 Secretary of Higher Education's** Internet site that
7 includes the comparative profile required pursuant to subsection b.
8 of section 3 of this act.

9 e. A four-year public institution of higher education shall
10 ensure that the Internet site for submitting an online application to
11 the institution contains a link to the institution's student consumer
12 information report.

13 f. A four-year public institution of higher education shall
14 require the parent or guardian of a student applying for admission
15 into the institution, or the student if he is an independent adult, to
16 sign and submit a statement acknowledging that he has reviewed the
17 institution's student consumer information report.

18 g. A four-year public institution of higher education shall
19 provide for public inspection on its website comprehensive
20 information on the cost of attendance, the graduation rates of
21 admitted students, and the faculty of the institution, as similarly
22 required pursuant to subsection a. of this section and as applicable,
23 for the institution's graduate degree programs. The information
24 shall be calculated separately for students who live on campus,
25 students who commute, and students exclusively enrolled in online
26 education courses. The information shall be submitted to the
27 Secretary of Higher Education as part of the institution's student
28 consumer information report required pursuant to subsection c. of
29 this section.

30 (cf: P.L.2009, c.197, s.2)]¹

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32 ¹【2. Section 3 of P.L.2009, c.197 (C.18A:3B-45) is amended to
33 read as follows:

34 3. a. The **【Commission on】 Secretary of Higher Education**
35 shall issue guidelines and criteria for collecting and calculating the
36 information required pursuant to section 2 of this act and shall
37 prescribe a uniform reporting method for posting the information.

38 b. The **【Commission on】 Secretary of Higher Education** shall
39 annually compile the student consumer information reports
40 submitted pursuant to subsection c. of section 2 of this act into a
41 comparative profile of all four-year public institutions of higher
42 education. The **【commission】 secretary** shall present the
43 information on its website in a manner that allows college students
44 and their families to easily compare student consumer information
45 across institutions.

46 (cf: P.L.2009, c.197, s.3)]¹

1 ¹1. Section 2 of P.L.2009, c.197 (C.18A:3B-44) is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 2. a. An institution of higher education shall provide for public
4 inspection on its website comprehensive information on the cost of
5 attendance, the graduation rates of admitted students, the faculty of
6 the institution, and employment data for recent graduates of the
7 institution. The purpose of the information shall be to maximize the
8 awareness of students and their families of the costs associated with
9 enrollment in the institution, the institution's success in ensuring the
10 graduation and employment of its students, and the composition of
11 the teaching faculty that a student will encounter at the institution.
12 The institution shall post, and annually update, a student consumer
13 information report on its website that includes, if applicable:

14 (1) overall three-year, four-year, and six-year graduation rates, as
15 applicable;

16 (2) three-year, four-year, and six-year graduation rates by
17 demographic group, as applicable;

18 (3) three-year, four-year, and six-year graduation rates by major,
19 as applicable;

20 (4) three-year, four-year, and six-year graduation rates for
21 student-athletes, as applicable;

22 (5) the student transfer rate;

23 (6) an overview of the institutions to which former students of
24 that college or university have transferred prior to the completion of
25 a degree;

26 (7) the cost for the current academic year of attending the
27 institution including tuition, student fees, room and board, and
28 books and materials;

29 (8) a description of the types of financial assistance offered
30 directly by the institution to both student-athletes and to students
31 who do not participate in athletic programs at the institution;

32 (9) the percent of student-athletes who receive financial
33 assistance directly from the institution and the average value of the
34 assistance and the percent of students who do not participate in
35 athletic programs at the institution who receive financial assistance
36 directly from the institution and the average value of the assistance;

37 (10) for four-year institutions of higher education, the total
38 projected cost for an incoming freshman to live on campus and
39 complete a degree in four years **【and】**, the total projected cost for
40 an incoming freshman to commute to school and complete a degree
41 in four years, and the total projected cost for an incoming freshman
42 exclusively enrolled in online education courses to complete a
43 degree in four years;

44 (11) for four-year institutions of higher education, the total
45 projected cost for an incoming freshman to live on campus and
46 complete a degree in six years **【and】**, the total projected cost for an
47 incoming freshman to commute to school and complete a degree in
48 six years, and the total projected cost for an incoming freshman

1 exclusively enrolled in online education courses to complete a
2 degree in six years;

3 (12) average student loan indebtedness of two-year and four-year
4 graduates calculated separately for **【both】** students who live on
5 campus **【and】** , students who commute, and students exclusively
6 enrolled in online education courses, as applicable. The institution
7 shall disaggregate the data by: race, ethnicity, age, family income at
8 the time of admission, gender, and first-generation status;

9 (13) average student loan indebtedness of three-year and six-year
10 graduates calculated separately for **【both】** students who live on
11 campus **【and】** , students who commute, and students exclusively
12 enrolled in online education courses, as applicable. The institution
13 shall disaggregate the data by: race, ethnicity, age, family income at
14 the time of admission, gender, and first-generation status;

15 (14) average student loan indebtedness of a student who transfers
16 or withdraws from the institution prior to the completion of a
17 degree program calculated separately for **【both】** students who live
18 on campus **【and】** , students who commute, and students exclusively
19 enrolled in online education courses. The institution shall
20 disaggregate the data by: race, ethnicity, age, family income at the
21 time of admission, gender, and first-generation status;

22 (15) an overview of the institution's faculty, including the
23 percentage of faculty employed as a tenured professor, the
24 percentage of faculty employed as a full-time non-tenured
25 professor, and the percentage of faculty employed as an adjunct or
26 visiting professor;

27 (16) the percentage of courses taught by each of the different
28 categories of faculty;

29 (17) an indicator of each academic department's capacity to serve
30 the students majoring within that department's programs, as
31 determined by the Secretary of Higher Education;

32 (18) the number and percentage of borrowers for whom the
33 institution has certified a supplemental student loan, disaggregated
34 by race, ethnicity, age, family income at the time of admission,
35 gender, and first-generation status; **【and】**

36 (19) the employment outcomes and earnings data available
37 through the New Jersey Statewide Data System for the graduates of
38 the three most recent academic years for which data is available;

39 (20) the number and percentage of students exclusively enrolled
40 in online education courses; and

41 (21) an overview of the education courses the institution offers
42 online, including the total number of courses offered and the course
43 level for each course.

44 The institution shall provide with all paper applications for
45 admission to the institution a hard copy of the information prepared
46 pursuant to this section.

1 b. An institution of higher education shall conform to the
2 guidelines, criteria, and format prescribed by the Secretary of
3 Higher Education in reporting the information required pursuant to
4 this section.

5 c. An institution of higher education shall submit its student
6 consumer information report to the Secretary of Higher Education
7 for inclusion in a comparative profile of the student consumer
8 information reports of all institutions of higher education.

9 In addition to the information contained in the institutional
10 student consumer information reports pursuant to this section, the
11 comparative profile shall identify the existence of any racial
12 disparities in student loan indebtedness and loan default rates.

13 d. An institution of higher education shall ensure that the page
14 of its Internet site which includes its student consumer information
15 report contains a link to the page of the Secretary of Higher
16 Education's Internet site that includes the comparative profile
17 required pursuant to subsection b. of section 3 of this act.

18 e. An institution of higher education shall ensure that the
19 Internet site for submitting an online application to the institution
20 contains a link to the institution's student consumer information
21 report.

22 f. An institution of higher education shall require the parent or
23 guardian of a student applying for admission into the institution, or
24 the student if the student is an independent adult, to sign and submit
25 a statement acknowledging the student's review of the institution's
26 student consumer information report.

27 g. An institution of higher education shall provide for public
28 inspection on its website comprehensive information on the cost of
29 attendance, the graduation rates of admitted students, and the
30 faculty of the institution, as similarly required pursuant to
31 subsection a. of this section and as applicable, for the institution's
32 graduate degree programs. The information shall be calculated
33 separately for students who live on campus, students who commute,
34 and students exclusively enrolled in online education courses. The
35 information shall be submitted to the Secretary of Higher Education
36 as part of the institution's student consumer information report
37 required pursuant to subsection c. of this section.¹

38 (cf: P.L.2026, c.15, s.1)
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40 ¹**[3.] 2.**¹ This act shall take effect immediately and shall first
41 ¹**[be applicable to the 2024-2025 academic year]** apply to the first
42 full academic year next following the date of enactment¹.