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AMENDMENT MEMO



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2023 Assembly Bill 891 requires higher education institutions, including the University of Wisconsin System institutions, technical colleges, and certain private colleges, to collect and annually report to the Higher Educational Aids Board (HEAB) all of the following information relating to their undergraduate degree programs:

- The average salary of the institution's graduates at intervals of one year, five years, and 10 years after graduation, in the aggregate and for each major the institution offers.
- The average debt owed by the institution's students upon graduation or discontinuation of studies, in the aggregate and for each major the institution offers.
- The institution's graduation rate, in the aggregate and for each major the institution offers.
- The institution's annual total cost of attendance and average net cost.
- The financial aid available to students.
- The 10 most popular degree programs offered by the institution.

Under the bill, HEAB must prepare a document that incorporates these reports in a manner that facilitates comparison among the institutions and provide the document to the Department of Public Instruction along with a list, prepared in cooperation with the Department of Workforce Development, of the 50 most in-demand jobs in this state. The document must be in electronic format and indicate the average starting salary and required education level for each of the listed jobs.

The bill requires each school board in the state to provide the document to high school juniors and seniors as part of the academic and career planning services provided under current law to the pupils, beginning in the 2025-26 school year.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Amendment 1 replaces the requirement for institutions to report the average salary of the institution's graduates at intervals of one year, five years, and 10 years after graduation with a requirement to report that information six months after graduation. Additionally, the amendment requires institutions to report, starting no later than July 1, 2030, the average salary of its graduates five years after graduation, both in the aggregate and for each major the institution offers. The amendment requires each institution to further identify, to the best of its ability and every fifth year, the following information for each major:

- The percentage of graduates in the major who are employed five years after graduation in the field of their major.
- The average salary of graduates employed in the field of their major.

- The average salary of graduates employed, but not in the field of their major.

BILL HISTORY

Assembly Amendment 1 was introduced on January 22, 2024, by Representative Michalski. On January 25, 2024, the Assembly Committee on Workforce Development and Economic Opportunities recommended adoption of the amendment on a vote of Ayes, 15; Noes, 0, and passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 13; Noes, 2.

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's [bill history page](#).

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