VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2012 SESSION

CHAPTER 694

An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 23-9.2:3.04, relating to higher education; publication of student employment rates.

[H 639]

Approved April 9, 2012

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 23-9.2:3.04 as follows: § 23-9.2:3.04. Post-graduation employment rates.

By August 1, 2013, and each year thereafter, the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia shall publish data on its website on the proportion of graduates with employment at 18 months and five years after the date of graduation for each public institution and each private nonprofit institution of higher education eligible to participate in the Tuition Assistance Grant Program. The data shall include the program and the program level, as recognized by the State Council of Higher Education, for each degree awarded by each institution and shall, at a minimum, include the percentage of graduates known to be employed in the Commonwealth, the average salary, and the average higher education-related debt for the graduates on which the data is based. The published data shall be consistent with the Government Data Collection and Dissemination Practices Act (§ 2.2-3800 et seq.) and the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (20 U.S.C. § 1232g).

2. That the provisions of this act shall expire on June 30, 2017.