

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

**2020 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

## **Senate Bill 303**

BY SENATORS RUCKER AND CLINE

[Introduced January 10, 2020; referred  
to the Committee on Education]

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new article,  
 2 designated §18-10P-1, §18-10P-2, §18-10P-3, §18-10P-4, §18-10P-5, and §18-10P-6, all  
 3 relating to enacting the Students’ Right-to-Know Act; providing purpose of making high  
 4 school students aware of the cost of four-year colleges and other alternative career paths;  
 5 requiring the State Board of Education to collect and disseminate certain career landscape  
 6 information; and establishing an effective date.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**ARTICLE 10P. STUDENTS’ RIGHT-TO-KNOW ACT.**

**§18-10P-1. Short title.**

1 This article shall be known and may be cited as the “Students’ Right-to-Know Act.”

**§18-10P-2. Purpose.**

1 The purpose of this article is to help high school students make more informed decisions  
 2 about their futures and ensure that they are adequately aware of the cost of four-year college and  
 3 other, alternative career paths.

**§18-10P-3. Career landscape information collection.**

1 The following information shall be collected and compiled by the State Board of Education  
 2 on an annual basis:

3 (1) The most in-demand jobs in the state, including starting salary and education level  
 4 required for those jobs;

5 (2) The average cost for all major colleges and vocational schools in the state;

6 (3) The average monthly student loan payment for individuals who attend all major  
 7 colleges and vocational schools in the state;

8 (4) The average three-year student loan default rate for all major colleges and vocational  
 9 schools in the state;

10 (5) The average graduation rate for all major colleges and vocational schools in the state;

11 (6) The completion rates for apprenticeship programs, high school credential programs,

12 career and technical education programs, and military first-term enlistments.

13 (7) The share of college graduates working in an occupation that does not require a college  
14 degree for each major;

15 (8) The average starting salary for individuals graduating from a major college; and

16 (9) The average starting salary for individuals graduating from a vocational school in the  
17 state.

**§18-10P-4. Information distribution.**

1 The information collected by the State Board of Education in §18-10P-3 of this code shall  
2 be distributed to every public high school in the state for public distribution to students by school  
3 guidance counselors no later than October 15 of each year.

**§18-10P-5. Data sharing.**

1 The State Board of Education may execute a memorandum of understanding with any  
2 department, agency, or division for information required to be collected by this article.

**§18-10P-6. Effective date.**

1 The requirements of this article are effective on January 1, 2021.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to enact the “Students’ Right-to-Know Act.” The bill provides its purpose of making high school students aware of the cost of four-year colleges and other, alternative career paths. The bill requires the State Board of Education to collect and disseminate certain career landscape information. The bill establishes an effective date.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.