FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 266

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE BRATTIN.

AN ACT

To repeal section 173.1004, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to public institutions of higher education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 173.1004, RSMo, is repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 173.940 and 173.1004, to read as follows:

173.940. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no public institution of higher education in this state shall award tenure to any person who is hired by such institution for the first time on or after January 1, 2018. The provisions of this section shall not apply to employees hired prior to January 1, 2018.

173.1004. 1. The coordinating board shall promulgate rules and regulations to ensure that each approved public higher education institution shall post on its website the names of all faculty, including adjunct, part-time, and full-time faculty, who are given full or partial teaching assignments along with web links or other means of providing information about their academic credentials and, where feasible, instructor ratings by students. In addition, public institutions of higher education shall post course schedules on their websites that include the name of the instructor assigned to each course and, if applicable, each section of a course, as well as identifying those instructors who are teaching assistants, provided that the institution may modify and update the identity of instructors as courses and sections are added or cancelled.

2. All public institutions of higher education shall post on their public websites alongside their degree offerings or publish in their course catalogs alongside their degree offerings all of the following information for each degree program offered:

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in bold-face type in the above bill is proposed language.
(1) Estimated cost of the degree based on the hours required to complete the degree program, the books likely required to complete the degree program, and the on-campus housing costs for the number of academic years likely required to complete the degree program;

(2) Types of employment opportunities generally expected to be available for students who earn the degree;

(3) The current job market for people who have earned the degree. Such description of the current job market shall include estimates of the numbers of jobs available in the industries in which people who have earned the degree typically work;

(4) The number and percentage of students who earned the degree employed within one year of graduation for the most recent graduating class for which data are available and, for the students so employed, their average income; and

(5) The number and percentage of students who earned the degree employed within one year of graduation in a field closely related to the degree program for the most recent graduating class for which data are available.