

HB 355 -- INFORMATION PROVIDED TO STUDENTS

SPONSOR: Baker

This bill creates the "Students' Right to Know Act", which, beginning January 1, 2022, requires the Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development to annually collect and compile specified information to help high school students make more informed decisions about their futures and ensure they are adequately aware of the costs of four-year college and alternative career paths.

This bill also creates the "Informed Student Document Act" and requires the Board for Higher Education to develop an informed student document to include information relating to the institutional grouping, with comparisons to other in-state and out-of-state peer institutions with averages regarding costs, employment, and admissions as specified in the bill. The Document must be available to school guidance counselors by October 15th each year.

The bill also requires that a prospective student or the student's parent or legal guardian verify that the Document has been read prior to application to the institution. The Document is also required to be available on the website of the Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development and on the website of each individual institution.

This bill is the same as HB 233 (2021) and similar to the HCS for HB 1774 & 1994 (2020).