

Legislative Analysis



INFORMATION PACKETS ON DUAL ENROLLMENT AND COLLEGE AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4953 would amend the Revised School Code to require the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) to develop and make available information packets on dual enrollment and college and career opportunities.

Under the bill, by August 1, 2021, and yearly thereafter, MDE would have to develop or update and make available to all school districts, intermediate school districts (ISDs), and public school academies (PSAs, or charter schools) information packets to be given to 8th- to 12th-grade students.

The information packets would have to include all of the following:

- Information, disaggregated by prosperity region,¹ regarding dual enrollment opportunities under state or federal law for 8th- to 12th-grade students.
- Information, disaggregated by prosperity region, regarding early/middle college programs available under state or federal law for 8th- to 12th-grade students.
- Information regarding the average tuition and average fees associated with attendance at each public university and community college in Michigan for the immediately preceding calendar year.
- The six-year graduation rate for each public university and community college in Michigan.
- Information regarding the average amount of student loans incurred by individuals attending a postsecondary institution in Michigan.
- A list of at least 10 postsecondary vocational training opportunities for individuals who have been awarded a high school diploma or awarded a high school equivalency certificate and the average costs associated with certification through those vocational training opportunities.
- A list of at least 20 of the most in-demand occupations in Michigan, as determined by MDE, for the immediately preceding calendar year, and a breakdown of the average salary and required educational level for each profession.
- A list of public and private resources designed to aid students and parents and legal guardians in navigating postsecondary education, including public and private scholarship opportunities.
- A list of public service opportunities for high school graduates, including information concerning opportunities available in the public safety sector such as the U.S. military, police departments, and fire departments.

¹ https://www.michigan.gov/documents/msp/Posts_450432_7.pdf

- Information regarding any postsecondary training and tuition assistance available to those who choose a career in public service.

Additionally by August 1, 2021, and yearly thereafter, MDE would have to post the information packet on its website homepage.

By October 1, 2021, and yearly thereafter, the board of a school district or ISD or board of directors of a PSA would have to ensure that the information packet was provided to each of its 8th- to 12th-grade students.

Proposed MCL 380.1293

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would increase costs for the state and for local school districts, ISDs, and PSAs.

MDE would incur an indeterminate cost to compile the information for, develop and update, and distribute the information packet described in the bill to all school districts, ISDs, and PSAs, and post the packet on the MDE homepage. While some of the information required to be included in the packet is currently collected and published at the federal or state level (for instance, community college and public university average tuition and fees and graduation rates), it is unclear whether MDE would need to start collecting other information required by the bill (for instance, the amount of student loans incurred per institution, particularly private loans). MDE estimates that the cost to compile, update, and distribute the report would require at least 1.0 full-time equated (FTE) position at a cost of \$150,000 to \$180,000 annually. In addition, if MDE must change or create a new system to collect information that is not currently collected, MDE estimates an additional one-time cost of \$250,000 or higher, depending on the extent of technological changes required.

School districts, ISDs, and PSAs would incur administrative costs to provide the report to every student in grades 8 to 12. These costs would likely be absorbed using existing staff time.

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