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## Bill Summary

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This bill requires public postsecondary institutions to provide graduation and transfer rate data, and data about student loan debt, in a disclosure posted online. All advertisements disseminated by the institution must include a Web site address at which these data can be found.

Calculation of the graduation and transfer-out rate is based on the number of full time students that graduated or transferred to another institution within the expected graduation time (two years for an associate degree program, and four years for a bachelor's degree program). The institution may also choose to include part-time students in its calculation, at its discretion.

A delayed effective date of August 1, 2016, is provided. Advertisements disseminated by an institution on or after that date must comply with the disclosure requirements of the bill.