

# HOUSE BILL 46

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By: **Delegate Griffith**

Requested: September 29, 2020

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Assigned to: Appropriations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Education – Student Horizon Database and Scorecard**  
3 **(Students Right to Know Act of 2021)**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Education, in collaboration with  
5 certain agencies, to annually collect certain information; requiring the Department  
6 to establish and maintain a certain database on the Department’s website; requiring  
7 the Department to publish on the Department’s website a Student Horizon Scorecard  
8 on or before a certain date each year; requiring the Student Horizon Scorecard to  
9 include certain information; requiring each local school system to distribute the  
10 Student Horizon Scorecard to each high school student on or before a certain date  
11 each year; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations; defining certain  
12 terms; and generally relating to the Student Horizon Database and Scorecard.

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Education

15 Section 7–126

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
19 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – Education**

21 **7–126.**

22 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**  
23 **INDICATED.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.







1                   **6. SOCIOECONOMIC DIVERSITY;**

2                   **7. STUDENT RACE;**

3                   **8. STUDENT ETHNICITY;**

4                   **9. FAMILY INCOME BRACKETS;**

5                   **10. PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS SUCCESSFULLY PAYING**  
6 **STUDENT LOAN PAYMENTS;**

7                   **11. AVERAGE TOTAL DEBT AFTER GRADUATION OR**  
8 **COMPLETION;**

9                   **12. AVERAGE STUDENT DEBT AFTER GRADUATION OR**  
10 **COMPLETION;**

11                   **13. PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS RECEIVING FEDERAL**  
12 **LOANS;**

13                   **14. AVERAGE MONTHLY STUDENT LOAN PAYMENT;**

14                   **15. PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS NOT RETURNING AFTER**  
15 **THEIR FIRST YEAR; AND**

16                   **16. ENROLLMENT OR EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF**  
17 **STUDENTS 8 YEARS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION; AND**

18                   **(III) A SEARCH FUNCTION TO ALLOW A USER TO CHOOSE A**  
19 **SPECIFIC MAJOR OR PROGRAM AT AN INSTITUTION OF POSTSECONDARY**  
20 **EDUCATION OR PRIVATE CAREER SCHOOL THAT YIELDS RESULTS ON THE:**

21                   **1. PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS WHO WILL GRADUATE IN**  
22 **6 YEARS OR LESS OR COMPLETE ON TIME;**

23                   **2. PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS EMPLOYED WITHIN 6**  
24 **MONTHS OF GRADUATION OR COMPLETION WITH AN AVERAGE STARTING SALARY OF**  
25 **AN AMOUNT SELECTED BY THE USER;**

26                   **3. AVERAGE DEBT OF GRADUATES OR COMPLETERS;**

27                   **4. AVERAGE TOTAL COST OF ATTENDANCE FOR THE**  
28 **SELECTED MAJOR OR PROGRAM; AND**

1                   **5. AVERAGE DEBT OF STUDENTS WHO DO NOT**  
2 **GRADUATE OR COMPLETE THE PROGRAM.**

3           **(C) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2022, AND EACH OCTOBER 1 THEREAFTER,**  
4 **THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PUBLISH ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE A STUDENT**  
5 **HORIZON SCORECARD THAT INCLUDES A LIST OF THE:**

6                   **(1) 50 HIGHEST ENROLLED MAJORS AMONG ALL PUBLIC SENIOR**  
7 **HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS IN THE STATE;**

8                   **(2) 20 CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATE**  
9 **PROGRAMS WITH THE HIGHEST STARTING SALARY AFTER GRADUATION OR**  
10 **COMPLETION;**

11                   **(3) 25 MOST IN-DEMAND JOBS IN THE STATE AND THEIR**  
12 **CORRESPONDING STARTING SALARIES AND EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS; AND**

13                   **(4) BASE PAY, BENEFITS, AND AVERAGE SIGNING BONUS OF**  
14 **STUDENTS WHO ENLIST IN THE MILITARY AFTER HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION,**  
15 **ALONG WITH THE NECESSARY ARMED SERVICES VOCATIONAL APTITUDE BATTERY**  
16 **SCORE BY MILITARY BRANCH.**

17           **(D) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 31, 2022, AND EACH OCTOBER 31**  
18 **THEREAFTER, EACH LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM SHALL DISTRIBUTE TO EACH HIGH**  
19 **SCHOOL STUDENT THE MOST RECENT STUDENT HORIZON SCORECARD PUBLISHED**  
20 **ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE.**

21           **(E) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS**  
22 **SECTION.**

23           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
24 October 1, 2021.