

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 224 Session of 2025

INTRODUCED BY KUTZ, FLEMING, PICKETT, VENKAT, KENYATTA, HOWARD, ROWE, M. JONES, BOROWSKI, SANCHEZ, ECKER AND GREEN, JANUARY 22, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JANUARY 22, 2025

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), entitled "An
 2 act relating to the public school system, including certain
 3 provisions applicable as well to private and parochial
 4 schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the
 5 laws relating thereto," in higher education accountability
 6 and transparency, further providing for comparison tool.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 2003-H(a) and (d) of the act of March 10,
 10 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949,
 11 are amended and subsection (b) is amended by adding a paragraph
 12 to read:

13 Section 2003-H. Comparison tool.

14 (a) Duty of department.--[If the United States Department of
 15 Education discontinues the publication of the College Navigator
 16 website, the] The department shall make available on the
 17 department's publicly accessible Internet website a search tool
 18 that allows an individual to compare institutions of higher
 19 education that meet certain criteria selected by the individual,

1 including the offering of a particular major or program of
2 study.

3 (b) Requirements.--The comparison tool required under this
4 section must:

5 * * *

6 (4.1) Allow a user to identify and compare high priority
7 occupations in this Commonwealth. The information under this
8 paragraph shall be searchable by county and include
9 information on educational attainment, wages and employment
10 demand.

11 * * *

12 (d) Duty of institutions.--[If the department is required to
13 develop the comparison tool under subsection (a), each] Each
14 institution of higher education shall provide the information
15 listed in this section, as available, to the department not
16 later than January 1 of each year. If the information required
17 under this subsection is available in an institution of higher
18 education's Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System
19 report, the institution of higher education may comply with the
20 reporting requirements of this subsection by sending an
21 electronic copy of the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data
22 System report to the department. The department shall update the
23 comparison tool as soon as practicable after receiving
24 information from each institution of higher education.

25 * * *

26 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.