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P.L.2013, CHAPTER 256, *approved January 17, 2014*
Assembly, No. 3270 (*Third Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning employment information provided to certain
2 students and supplementing chapter ²54E of Title 18A of the
3 New Jersey Statutes **15F of Title 34 of the Revised Statutes**².

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

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8 1. ³a. The Commissioner of ²Education Labor and
9 Workforce Development², in consultation with the Commissioner
10 of ²Labor and Workforce Development Education², shall develop
11 a career exploration report that provides students enrolled in grades
12 ¹8 7¹ through 12 with information concerning employment in
13 high-demand industries. The report shall include, but need not be
14 limited to:

15 (1) a list of the fastest growing industries in the country and the
16 State and the projected growth rates of those industries for the next
17 10 years, as determined by the United States Bureau of Labor
18 Statistics;

19 (2) information on professional and occupational employment
20 opportunities in those industries and on the educational background
21 and training required to pursue those careers, including the
22 ²courses programs² designed to prepare students for employment
23 in those careers;

24 (3) employment ²rates levels² and salary information for
25 persons employed in those professions and occupations; and

26 (4) ²in cooperation with the Secretary of Higher Education,²
27 information on where to find the ²employment² data compiled by
28 four-year public institutions of higher education pursuant to section
29 2 of P.L.2009, c.197 (C.18A:3B-44).

30 b. ¹The commissioner shall annually distribute the report, at
31 no charge, to each school district, which shall distribute the report
32 to each student and to the parents or guardians of each student
33 enrolled in grades 8 through 12.¹ The ²commissioner
34 Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development² shall update
35 the report as necessary ²and as practicable².

36 c. The ²commissioner Commissioner of Education² shall
37 make the report available ¹online through a link prominently
38 displayed on the homepage of the Department of Education's

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined **thus** is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly ABU committee amendments adopted December 13, 2012.

²Senate floor amendments adopted February 7, 2013.

³Assembly amendments adopted in accordance with Governor's recommendations September 9, 2013.

1 Internet website, and shall, within 30 days of the date the report is
2 first made available on the homepage of the department's Internet
3 website, provide written notification¹ to each school district and
4 nonpublic schools that enroll students in grades ¹~~8~~ ⁷ through 12,
5 or any combination thereof ¹, to inform each school district and
6 nonpublic schools of the report's availability online¹. ¹Each school
7 district shall notify the parents or guardians of each student enrolled
8 in grades 7 through 12 of the report's availability online, and shall
9 distribute a copy of the report to a parent or guardian of a student in
10 grades 7 through 12 who requests a hard copy of the report.¹
11 Nonpublic schools are encouraged to ¹~~notify the~~ ¹distribute the report to each
12 student and to the ¹notify the¹ parents or guardians of each student
13 enrolled in grades ¹~~8~~ ⁷ through 12 ¹of the report's availability
14 online, and are encouraged to distribute a copy of the report to a
15 parent or guardian of a student in grades 7 through 12 who requests
16 a hard copy of the report ¹; however, nothing in this section shall be
17 construed to require a nonpublic school to ¹notify the parents or
18 guardians of students of the report's availability online or to¹
19 distribute the report¹ The Commissioner of Education and the
20 Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development shall
21 undertake a review of all existing efforts of their respective
22 departments that provide middle and high school students with
23 information concerning employment in high-demand industries and
24 shall report directly to the Governor no later than three months after
25 the effective date of this act on whether those efforts provide
26 sufficient career guidance to such students³ .

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28 2. This act shall take effect ²~~immediately~~ ³~~on the first day~~
29 of the third month following enactment² immediately³ .
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35 Requires Commissioners of Education and Labor and Workforce
36 Development to study and report on departments' efforts in
37 providing students with information on employment in high-
demand industries.

ASSEMBLY, No. 3270

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 215th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED SEPTEMBER 27, 2012

Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman CELESTE M. RILEY
District 3 (Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem)
Assemblywoman CONNIE WAGNER
District 38 (Bergen and Passaic)
Assemblyman CHARLES MAINOR
District 31 (Hudson)
Assemblyman THOMAS P. GIBLIN
District 34 (Essex and Passaic)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman Watson Coleman

SYNOPSIS

Requires Commissioner of Education to develop career exploration report for students in grades 8 through 12.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/14/2012)

1 AN ACT concerning employment information provided to certain
2 students and supplementing chapter 54E of Title 18A of the New
3 Jersey Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*

7
8 1. a. The Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the
9 Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development, shall develop
10 a career exploration report that provides students enrolled in grades
11 8 through 12 with information concerning employment in high-
12 demand industries. The report shall include, but need not be limited
13 to:

14 (1) a list of the fastest growing industries in the country and the
15 State and the projected growth rates of those industries for the next
16 10 years, as determined by the United States Bureau of Labor
17 Statistics;

18 (2) information on professional and occupational employment
19 opportunities in those industries and on the educational background
20 and training required to pursue those careers, including the courses
21 designed to prepare students for employment in those careers;

22 (3) employment rates and salary information for persons
23 employed in those professions and occupations; and

24 (4) information on where to find the employment data compiled
25 by four-year public institutions of higher education pursuant to
26 section 2 of P.L.2009, c.197 (C.18A:3B-44).

27 b. The commissioner shall annually distribute the report, at no
28 charge, to each school district, which shall distribute the report to
29 each student and to the parents or guardians of each student
30 enrolled in grades 8 through 12. The commissioner shall update the
31 report as necessary.

32 c. The commissioner shall make the report available to
33 nonpublic schools that enroll students in grades 8 through 12, or
34 any combination thereof. Nonpublic schools are encouraged to
35 distribute the report to each student and to the parents or guardians
36 of each student enrolled in grades 8 through 12; however, nothing
37 in this section shall be construed to require a nonpublic school to
38 distribute the report.

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40 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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45 This bill requires the Commissioner of Education, in consultation
46 with the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development, to
47 develop a career exploration report that provides students enrolled
48 in grades 8 through 12 with information concerning employment in

1 high-demand industries. Under the bill, the report, at a minimum,
2 must include:

- 3 • a list of the fastest growing industries in the country and the
4 State and the projected growth rates of those industries for
5 the next 10 years, as determined by the United States Bureau
6 of Labor Statistics;
- 7 • information on professional and occupational employment
8 opportunities in those industries and on the educational
9 background and training required to pursue those careers,
10 including the courses designed to prepare students for
11 employment in those careers;
- 12 • employment rates and salary information for persons
13 employed in those professions and occupations; and
- 14 • information on where to find the employment data compiled
15 by four-year public institutions of higher education for their
16 graduates.

17 The commissioner will annually distribute the report to each
18 school district, which will then distribute it to each student and to
19 the parents or guardians of each student enrolled in grades 8
20 through 12.

ASSEMBLY BUDGET COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3270

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 11, 2012

The Assembly Budget Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3270, with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill, requires the Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development, to develop a career exploration report that provides students enrolled in grades 7 through 12 with information concerning employment in high-demand industries. The bill provides that the report must, at a minimum, include:

- a list of the fastest growing industries in the country and the State and the projected growth rates of those industries for the next 10 years, as determined by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics;
- information on professional and occupational employment opportunities in those industries and on the educational background and training required to pursue those careers, including the courses designed to prepare students for employment in those careers;
- employment rates and salary information for persons employed in those professions and occupations; and
- information on where to find the employment data compiled by four-year public institutions of higher education for their graduates.

The bill requires the Commissioner of Education to update the career exploration report as necessary.

The bill requires the Commissioner of Education to make the career exploration report available online through a link prominently displayed on the homepage of the Department of Education's Internet website, and requires the commissioner, within 30 days of the date the report is first made available online, to provide written notification to each school district and nonpublic schools that enroll students in grades 7 through 12, or any combination thereof, to inform each school district and nonpublic schools of the report's availability online.

The bill requires each school district to notify the parents or guardians of each student enrolled in grades 7 through 12 of the career

exploration report's availability online, and requires each school district to distribute a copy of the report to a parent or guardian of a student in grades 7 through 12 who requests a hard copy of the report.

The bill encourages nonpublic schools to notify the parents or guardians of each student enrolled in grades 7 through 12 of the career exploration report's availability online, and encourages nonpublic schools to distribute a copy of the report to a parent or guardian of a student in grades 7 through 12 who requests a hard copy of the report.

The bill takes effect immediately upon enactment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill was not certified as requiring a fiscal note.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The amendments require the career exploration report to be available to students in grades 7 through 12.

The amendments require the Commissioner of Education to make the career exploration report available online, and require the commissioner to provide written notification to each school district and nonpublic school that enrolls students in grades 7 through 12 to inform each school district and nonpublic school of the report's availability online.

The amendments require each school district, and encourage nonpublic schools, to notify parents or guardians of students in grades 7 through 12 of the career exploration report's availability online, and require each school district, and encourage nonpublic schools, to distribute a copy of the report to parents and guardians of students in grades 7 through 12 who request a hard copy of the report.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 3270

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 4, 2013

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 3270 (1R).

This bill requires the Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development, to develop a career exploration report that provides students enrolled in grades 7 through 12 with information concerning employment in high-demand industries. The bill provides that the report must, at a minimum, include:

- a list of the fastest growing industries in the country and the State and the projected growth rates of those industries for the next 10 years, as determined by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics;
- information on professional and occupational employment opportunities in those industries and on the educational background and training required to pursue those careers, including the courses designed to prepare students for employment in those careers;
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The bill takes effect immediately upon enactment.

As reported, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 2413, as amended and reported by the committee.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill was not certified as requiring a fiscal note.

STATEMENT TO
[First Reprint]
ASSEMBLY, No. 3270

with Senate Floor Amendments
(Proposed by Senator BEACH)

ADOPTED: FEBRUARY 7, 2013

These floor amendments transfer the primary responsibility of developing the career exploration report from the Commissioner of Education to the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development and delay the effective date to the first day of the third month after enactment.

SENATE, No. 2413

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 215th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED DECEMBER 20, 2012

Sponsored by:

Senator JAMES BEACH

District 6 (Burlington and Camden)

Senator M. TERESA RUIZ

District 29 (Essex)

SYNOPSIS

Requires Commissioner of Education to develop career exploration report for students in grades 8 through 12.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/5/2013)

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2 students and supplementing chapter 54E of Title 18A of the New
3 Jersey Statutes.

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16 10 years, as determined by the United States Bureau of Labor
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19 opportunities in those industries and on the educational background
20 and training required to pursue those careers, including the courses
21 designed to prepare students for employment in those careers;

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25 by four-year public institutions of higher education pursuant to
26 section 2 of P.L.2009, c.197 (C.18A:3B-44).

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32 c. The commissioner shall make the report available to
33 nonpublic schools that enroll students in grades 8 through 12, or
34 any combination thereof. Nonpublic schools are encouraged to
35 distribute the report to each student and to the parents or guardians
36 of each student enrolled in grades 8 through 12; however, nothing
37 in this section shall be construed to require a nonpublic school to
38 distribute the report.

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40 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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43 **STATEMENT**

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15 by four-year public institutions of higher education for their
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20 through 12.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2413

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 4, 2013

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2413, with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill requires the Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development, to develop a career exploration report that provides students enrolled in grades 7 through 12 with information concerning employment in high-demand industries. The bill provides that the report must, at a minimum, include:

- a list of the fastest growing industries in the country and the State and the projected growth rates of those industries for the next 10 years, as determined by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics;
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The bill requires the Commissioner of Education to make the career exploration report available online through a link prominently displayed on the homepage of the Department of Education's Internet website, and requires the commissioner, within 30 days of the date the report is first made available online, to provide written notification to each school district and to those nonpublic schools that enroll students in grades 7 through 12, or any combination thereof, to inform the districts and nonpublic schools of the report's availability online.

The bill requires each school district to notify the parents or guardians of each student enrolled in grades 7 through 12 of the career exploration report's availability online, and requires each school

district to distribute a copy of the report to a parent or guardian of a student in grades 7 through 12 who requests a hard copy of the report.

The bill encourages nonpublic schools to notify the parents or guardians of each student enrolled in grades 7 through 12 of the career exploration report's availability online, and to distribute a copy of the report to a parent or guardian of a student in grades 7 through 12 who requests a hard copy of the report.

The bill takes effect immediately upon enactment.

As amended by the committee, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 3270 (1R) as also considered by the committee on this same date.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The amendments require the career exploration report to be available to students in grades 7 through 12.

The amendments require the Commissioner of Education to make the career exploration report available online, and require the commissioner to provide written notification to each school district and nonpublic school that enrolls students in grades 7 through 12 to inform the districts and nonpublic schools of the report's availability online.

The amendments require school districts, and encourage nonpublic schools, to notify parents or guardians of students in grades 7 through 12 of the career exploration report's availability online, and require school districts, and encourage nonpublic schools, to distribute a copy of the report to parents and guardians of students in grades 7 through 12 who request a hard copy of the report.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill was not certified as requiring a fiscal note.

STATEMENT TO
[First Reprint]
SENATE, No. 2413

with Senate Floor Amendments
(Proposed by Senator BEACH)

ADOPTED: FEBRUARY 7, 2013

These floor amendments transfer the primary responsibility of developing the career exploration report from the Commissioner of Education to the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development and delay the effective date to the first day of the third month after enactment.

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 3270
(Second Reprint)

To the General Assembly:

Pursuant to Article V, Section I, Paragraph 14 of the New Jersey Constitution, I am returning Assembly Bill No. 3270 (Second Reprint) with my recommendations for reconsideration.

This bill requires the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development, in consultation with the Commissioner of Education, to develop a career exploration report that provides students in seventh to twelfth grades with information concerning employment in high-demand industries. Each school district is required to distribute hard copies of the report to parents and guardians.

I support sensible and cost-efficient measures designed to further educate our students about how they can explore career options. To that end, the Departments of Education and Labor and Workforce Development already provide employment and career information to students in addition to what is taught in the classroom. For example, the departments collaborate on a free online career guidance system known as the New Jersey Career Assistance Navigator, www.njcan.org, which provides comprehensive and current employment and career information to students, educators, and parents.

In light of the State's current efforts on this front, and to avoid unnecessary duplication and waste, I am returning this bill with my recommendation that the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development and the Commissioner of Education undertake a review of all existing efforts of their respective departments to provide middle and high school students with information concerning employment in high-demand industries and report back to me on whether current efforts provide sufficient career guidance to students.

Accordingly, I herewith return Assembly Bill No. 3270

(Second Reprint) and recommend that it be amended as follows:

Page 2, Section 1, Lines 8-43: Delete in their entirety

Page 3, Section 1, Lines 1-14: Delete in their entirety

Page 3, Line 15: Insert new section 1:
"1. The Commissioner of Education and the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development shall undertake a review of all existing efforts of their respective departments that provide middle and high school students with information concerning employment in high-demand industries and shall report directly to the Governor no later than three months after the effective date of this act on whether those efforts provide sufficient career guidance to such students."

Page 3, Section 2, Lines 16-17: Delete "on the first day of the third month following enactment" and insert "immediately"

Respectfully,

[seal]

/s/ Chris Christie

Governor

Attest:

/s/ Charles B. McKenna

Chief Counsel to the Governor