

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB 1960
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Impact:	Cost of \$100,000 for a statistical analyst

Research Analysis

The bill directs the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to prepare an economic security report that includes employment and earnings outcomes for degrees and certificates earned through the higher education system. The report must be made publically available online and provided to enrolled students prior to registration beginning January 31, 2019. Lastly, the measure permits the sharing of information obtained from an employing unit pursuant to the Employment Security Act of 1980 to employees of the state regents to identify economic trends and educational program outcomes.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 1960, as introduced, relates to higher education and provides that beginning January 1, 2016, and annually thereafter, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education in conjunction with the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission shall prepare, or contract with an entity to prepare, an economic security report of employment and earning outcomes. The report will be easily accessible, readable by the public and available online.

The report, by the educational sector, includes specified requirements. Beginning January 31, 2019, and each year thereafter, specified requirements are provided for the state's community colleges and comprehensive and regional institutions. Language is added related to confidentiality of information. State Regents office personnel provide that the language would necessitate the requirement for an additional statistical analyst at a cost of approximately \$100,000 for salary and benefits.

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Other Considerations

None