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Senate Bill 343 (Substitute S-1)
Sponsor: Senator John Proos
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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Revised School Code to require the board of a school district or board of directors of a public school academy to provide pupils with the most recent analysis of in-demand occupations in the region in which the school is located, provided by the Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic Initiatives.

Under the Code, the board of a school district or board of directors of a public school academy is required to provide the opportunity for each pupil to develop an educational development plan during 7th grade, and ensure that each pupil reviews his or her plan during 8th grade and revises it as appropriate before beginning high school. An educational development plan must be developed, reviewed, and revised by the pupil under the supervision of the pupil's school counselor or another designee qualified to act in a counseling role. A plan must be designed to assist pupils to identify career development goals as they relate to academic requirements.

The bill would require the board of a school district or board of directors of a public school academy, as part of the process of developing an educational development plan, to ensure that pupils were provided with the most recent analysis of in-demand occupations in the region in which the school district, intermediate school district, or public school academy is located, provided by the Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic Initiatives in the Department of Technology, Management, and Budget. The information regarding in-demand occupations could be provided to pupils electronically.

The bill would take effect 90 days after it is enacted.

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BACKGROUND

The Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic Initiatives provides the State of Michigan and its regions with demographic and labor market information. Currently, this information is published as Career Outlook pamphlets produced by the Bureau to provide outlook information for Michigan's 18 Economic Forecast Regions. The most recent pamphlets published on the Bureau's website are the Career Outlook 2020 pamphlets for each region, published on September 1, 2014. The information in these pamphlets includes a list of the jobs with the highest number of annual openings through 2020 for each region, the number of openings forecasted for each job listed, and the wage range for each job listed. The pamphlets also differentiate between high-growth occupations that require a high school

diploma, an associate's degree, or a bachelor's degree through 2020, along with the respective job growth and wage information for each listing.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the State or local units of governments. Since analyses of in-demand occupations are produced regularly by the Department of Technology, Management, and Budget, no additional costs would be incurred from this bill. Also, since the bill would allow the information to be distributed electronically, provision of the information would result in no additional costs to the Department or local school districts, intermediate school districts, or public school academies (charter schools).

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