

HB 3221 -- ACCOUNTABILITY FOR LOW-EARNING OUTCOME DEGREES

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This bill creates the "Accountability for Low-Earning Outcome Degrees in Higher Education Act of 2026". The bill requires the Coordinating Board of Higher Education to adopt rules that prohibit institutions of higher education and state agencies from allocating or expending funds for low-earning outcome degree programs as described in Federal law.

The bill specifies that funding includes student aid, base operational or institutional funding, grants, and capital or facilities funding. The Board must annually review federal determinations of low-earning degree programs and report to the General Assembly prohibited programs, enforcement efforts, and the estimated fiscal impact due to prohibitions imposed.