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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. ROMNEY (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, and Mr. HICKENLOOPER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Graduation Reporting for Accuracy and Decision-Making Act” or the “GRAD Act”.

SEC. 2. CONSUMER INFORMATION ABOUT COMPLETION OR GRADUATION TIMES.

(a) TRANSPARENCY IN COLLEGE TUITION FOR CONSUMERS.—Section 132(i)(1)(J) of the Higher Education
Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1015a(i)(1)(J)) is amended to read as follows:

“(J)(i) For programs of study 4 years of length or longer—

“(I) the percentages of first-time, full-time, degree- or certificate-seeking undergraduate students enrolled at the institution who obtain a degree or certificate within each of the times for completion or graduation described in subclauses (I) through (III) of clause (iii);

“(II) the percentages of first-time, part-time, degree- or certificate-seeking undergraduate students enrolled at the institution who obtain a degree or certificate within each of the times for completion or graduation described in subclauses (I) through (III) of clause (iii);

“(III) the percentages of non-first time, full-time, degree- or certificate-seeking undergraduate students enrolled at the institution who obtain a degree or certificate within each of the times for completion or graduation described in subclauses (I) through (III) of clause (iii); and
“(IV) the percentages of non-first-time, part-time, degree- or certificate-seeking undergraduate students enrolled at the institution who obtain a degree or certificate within each of the times for completion or graduation described in subclauses (I) through (III) of clause (iii).

“(ii) For programs of study less than 4 years—

“(I) the percentages of first-time, full-time, degree- or certificate-seeking undergraduate students enrolled at the institution who obtain a degree or certificate within each of the times for completion or graduation described in subclauses (I) through (IV) of clause (iii);

“(II) the percentages of first-time, part-time, degree- or certificate-seeking undergraduate students enrolled at the institution who obtain a degree or certificate within each of the times for completion or graduation described in subclauses (I) through (IV) of clause (iii);

“(III) the percentages of non-first-time, full-time, degree- or certificate-seeking-
ing undergraduate students enrolled at the institution who obtain a degree or certificate within each of the times for completion or graduation described in subclauses (I) through (IV) of clause (iii); and

“(IV) the percentages of non-first-time, part-time, degree- or certificate-seeking undergraduate students enrolled at the institution who obtain a degree or certificate within each of the times for completion or graduation described in subclauses (I) through (IV) of clause (iii).

“(iii) For purposes of this subparagraph, the times for completion or graduation are as follows:

“(I) The normal time for completion of, or graduation from, the student’s program.

“(II) 150 percent of the normal time for completion of, or graduation from, the student’s program.

“(III) 200 percent of the normal time for completion of, or graduation from, the student’s program.
“(IV) 300 percent of the normal time for completion of, or graduation from, the student’s program.

“(iv) In making publicly available the percentages described in this subparagraph, the Secretary shall display each percentage in a consistent manner and with equal visibility.”.

(b) INSTITUTIONAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS.—Section 485(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1092(a)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking subparagraph (L) and inserting the following:

“(L) each completion or graduation rate for each type of student and program described in clauses (i) and (ii) of section 132(i)(1)(J);”; and

(2) in paragraph (3), by striking “within 150 percent of the normal time for completion of or graduation from the program” and inserting “within the time for completion or graduation described in section 132(i)(1)(J) applicable to such student and such program”.