

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for comprehensive student achievement information.

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

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for comprehensive student achievement information.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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

7 **SEC. 2. CONSUMER INFORMATION ABOUT COMPLETION OR**
8 **GRADUATION TIMES.**

9 (a) **TRANSPARENCY IN COLLEGE TUITION FOR CON-**
10 **SUMERS.**—Section 132(i)(1)(J) of the Higher Education

1 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1015a(i)(1)(J)) is amended to
2 read as follows:

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

5 “(I) the percentages of first-time, full-
6 time, degree- or certificate-seeking under-
7 graduate students enrolled at the institu-
8 tion who obtain a degree or certificate
9 within each of the times for completion or
10 graduation described in subclauses (I)
11 through (III) of clause (iii);

12 “(II) the percentages of first-time,
13 part-time, degree- or certificate-seeking un-
14 dergraduate students enrolled at the insti-
15 tution who obtain a degree or certificate
16 within each of the times for completion or
17 graduation described in subclauses (I)
18 through (III) of clause (iii);

19 “(III) the percentages of non-first
20 time, full-time, degree- or certificate-seek-
21 ing undergraduate students enrolled at the
22 institution who obtain a degree or certifi-
23 cate within each of the times for comple-
24 tion or graduation described in subclauses
25 (I) through (III) of clause (iii); and

1 “(IV) the percentages of non-first-
2 time, part-time, degree- or certificate-seek-
3 ing undergraduate students enrolled at the
4 institution who obtain a degree or certifi-
5 cate within each of the times for comple-
6 tion or graduation described in subclauses
7 (I) through (III) of clause (iii).

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

10 “(I) the percentages of first-time, full-
11 time, degree- or certificate-seeking under-
12 graduate students enrolled at the institu-
13 tion who obtain a degree or certificate
14 within each of the times for completion or
15 graduation described in subclauses (I)
16 through (IV) of clause (iii);

17 “(II) the percentages of first-time,
18 part-time, degree- or certificate-seeking un-
19 dergraduate students enrolled at the insti-
20 tution who obtain a degree or certificate
21 within each of the times for completion or
22 graduation described in subclauses (I)
23 through (IV) of clause (iii);

24 “(III) the percentages of non-first-
25 time, full-time, degree- or certificate-seek-

1 ing undergraduate students enrolled at the
2 institution who obtain a degree or certifi-
3 cate within each of the times for comple-
4 tion or graduation described in subclauses
5 (I) through (IV) of clause (iii); and

6 “(IV) the percentages of non-first-
7 time, part-time, degree- or certificate-seek-
8 ing undergraduate students enrolled at the
9 institution who obtain a degree or certifi-
10 cate within each of the times for comple-
11 tion or graduation described in subclauses
12 (I) through (IV) of clause (iii).

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

16 “(I) The normal time for completion
17 of, or graduation from, the student’s pro-
18 gram.

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

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

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

4 “(iv) In making publicly available the per-
5 centages described in this subparagraph, the
6 Secretary shall display each percentage in a
7 consistent manner and with equal visibility.”.

8 (b) INSTITUTIONAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN-
9 FORMATION FOR STUDENTS.—Section 485(a) of the
10 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1092(a)) is
11 amended—

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

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

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