

118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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To codify certain rules regarding competency-based education programs.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

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**A BILL**

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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 “Competency-Based  
5 Education Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. COMPETENCY-BASED EDUCATION.**

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

8 (1) COMPETENCY-BASED EDUCATION.—The  
9 term “competency-based education” means an ap-  
10 proach in higher education that organizes academic

1 content or delivery according to competencies (an in-  
2 dividual student's demonstrated skills that are nec-  
3 essary for the student to successfully perform a spe-  
4 cific task, job role, or function) rather than using  
5 courses taught during instructor- or institutionally-  
6 established timeframes that may conclude before a  
7 student has demonstrated mastery of the course ma-  
8 terial.

9 (2) SKILL.—The term "skill" means knowledge  
10 or an ability, which is described in a way that com-  
11 municates discrete, discernable value an individual  
12 can demonstrate or acquire.

13 (b) COMPETENCY-BASED EDUCATION PROGRAMS.—  
14 In administering competency-based education programs,  
15 or determining the eligibility of competency-based edu-  
16 cation programs to receive Federal assistance, the Depart-  
17 ment of Education shall comply with the regulations in  
18 parts 600, 602, and 668 of title 34, Code of Federal Regu-  
19 lations, as in effect on July 1, 2021.