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S. 2366

To codify certain rules regarding competency-based education programs.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 19, 2023

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

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.

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