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# S. 478

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

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 16, 2023

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

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## 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-

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.

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”.

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