

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 351

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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 13, 2017

Mr. HATCH 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 “Comprehensive Stu-
5 dent Achievement Information Act of 2017”.

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

8 (a) **TRANSPARENCY IN COLLEGE TUITION FOR CON-**
9 **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 (ii);

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 (ii);

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 (ii); 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 (ii).

8 “(ii) The times for completion or gradua-
 9 tion described in clause (i) are—

10 “(I) the normal time for completion
 11 of, or graduation from, the student’s pro-
 12 gram;

13 “(II) 150 percent of the normal time
 14 for completion of, or graduation from, the
 15 student’s program; and

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

19 “(iii) For programs of study less than 4
 20 years—

21 “(I) the percentages of first-time, full-
 22 time, degree- or certificate-seeking under-
 23 graduate students enrolled at the institu-
 24 tion who obtain a degree or certificate
 25 within each of the times for completion or

graduation described in subclauses (I) through (III) of clause (iv);

“(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 (iv);

“(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 (iv); 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 (iv).

“(iv) The times for completion or graduation described in clause (iii) are—

1 “(I) the normal time for completion
 2 of, or graduation from, the student’s pro-
 3 gram;

4 “(II) 150 percent of the normal time
 5 for completion of, or graduation from, the
 6 student’s program; and

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

10 “(v) In making publicly available the per-
 11 centages described in this subparagraph, the
 12 Secretary shall display each percentage in a
 13 consistent manner and with equal visibility.”.

14 (b) INSTITUTIONAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN-
 15 FORMATION FOR STUDENTS.—Section 485(a)(1)(L) of the
 16 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1092(a)(1)(L))
 17 is amended to read as follows:

18 “(L) the completion or gradua-
 19 tion rates described in section
 20 132(i)(1)(J);”.

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