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# S. 2136

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 17, 2019

Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself and Mr. MANCHIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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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. REQUIREMENTS FOR IN-STATE TUITION.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3679(c) of title 38,  
5 United States Code, is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “less than  
7 three years before the date of enrollment in the  
8 course concerned”; and

1 (2) in paragraph (4)—

2 (A) by striking “It shall” and inserting

3 “(A) It shall”; and

4 (B) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(B)(i) To the extent feasible, the Secretary  
6 shall make publicly available on the internet website  
7 of the Department a database explaining any re-  
8 quirements described in subparagraph (A) that are  
9 established by a public institution of higher learning  
10 for an individual to be charged tuition and fees at  
11 a rate that is equal to or less than the rate the pub-  
12 lic institution charges for tuition and fees for resi-  
13 dents of the State in which the public institution is  
14 located.

15 “(ii) The Secretary shall disapprove a course of  
16 education provided by a public institution of higher  
17 learning that does not provide the Secretary—

18 “(I) an initial explanation of the require-  
19 ments described in subparagraph (A); and

20 “(II) not later than 90 days after the date  
21 on which any requirements change, the updated  
22 requirements.”.

23 (b) APPLICATION.—The amendments made by this  
24 section shall apply with respect to a quarter, semester, or

1 term, as applicable, commencing no earlier than August  
2 1, 2020.

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