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S. 379

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit amounts paid for programs to obtain a recognized postsecondary credential or a license to be treated as qualified higher education expenses for purposes of a 529 account.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 7, 2019

Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, and Mr. MANCHIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. CERTAIN CAREER TRAINING EXPENSES TREAT-**
 2 **ED AS QUALIFIED HIGHER EDUCATION EX-**
 3 **PENSES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (3) of section 529(e)
 5 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by add-
 6 ing at the end the following new subparagraph:

7 “(C) CERTAIN CAREER TRAINING EX-
 8 PENSES.—

9 “(i) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an
 10 individual who is enrolled in or attending a
 11 program to obtain a recognized postsec-
 12 ondary credential or occupational license,
 13 the term ‘qualified higher education ex-
 14 penses’ includes expenses similar to the ex-
 15 penses described in subparagraph (A)
 16 which are required for such program.

17 “(ii) PROGRAM TO OBTAIN A RECOG-
 18 NIZED POSTSECONDARY CREDENTIAL.—
 19 For purposes of this subparagraph—

20 “(I) the term ‘recognized postsec-
 21 ondary credential’ has the meaning
 22 given the term in section 3(52) of the
 23 Workforce Innovation and Oppor-
 24 tunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3102(52)), and

25 “(II) when used with respect to
 26 obtaining such a credential, the term

1 ‘program’ means only a program
2 which is included, and is offered by a
3 provider which is included, on the list
4 described in section 122(d) of the
5 Workforce Innovation and Oppor-
6 tunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3152(d)).”.

7 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
8 this section shall apply to expenses paid or incurred in
9 taxable years beginning after the date of the enactment
10 of this Act.

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