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# S 227

Loan Forgiveness for Certified Teachers Act of 2003

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: Senate
Policy Area: Education
Introduced: Jan 28, 2003

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Jan 28, 2003)

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### **Sponsor**

Name: Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]

Party: Democratic • State: CA • Chamber: Senate

### **Cosponsors** (6 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	<b>Date Joined</b>
Sen. Reid, Harry [D-NV]	$D \cdot NV$		Jan 28, 2003
Sen. Chambliss, Saxby [R-GA]	$R \cdot GA$		Feb 4, 2003
Sen. Dayton, Mark [D-MN]	D · MN		Feb 24, 2003
Sen. Landrieu, Mary L. [D-LA]	D·LA		Feb 24, 2003
Sen. Allen, George [R-VA]	$R \cdot VA$		Mar 11, 2003
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Jul 7, 2003

## **Committee Activity**

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jan 28, 2003

## **Subjects & Policy Tags**

### **Policy Area:**

Education

#### **Related Bills**

No related bills are listed.

### **Summary** (as of Jan 28, 2003)

Loan Forgiveness for Certified Teachers Act of 2003 - Amends the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA) to increase from \$5,000 to \$10,000 the maximum amount of student loan cancellation for certified or licensed teachers who teach for five years at low-income elementary or secondary schools.

Establishes a HEA grants program for promoting teacher certification and licensing. Authorizes the Secretary of Education to make such grants to institutions of higher education for programs, projects, and activities to encourage professionals and other interested persons to become certified or licensed teachers. Includes among authorized activities developing curricula and support programs and recruitment strategies.

### **Actions Timeline**

- Jan 28, 2003: Introduced in Senate
- Jan 28, 2003: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1679-1680)
- Jan 28, 2003: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.