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Fairness for America's Soldiers in Higher Education Act of 2003

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Chamber: Senate

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • State: NC • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]	D · NM		Apr 10, 2003
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	D · MD		Apr 10, 2003
Sen. Miller, Zell [D-GA]	D · GA		Apr 10, 2003
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Apr 10, 2003
Sen. Harkin, Tom [D-IA]	D · IA		Apr 11, 2003
Sen. Jeffords, James M. [I-VT]	I · VT		Apr 11, 2003
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		Jun 24, 2003
Sen. Kerry, John F. [D-MA]	D · MA		Nov 4, 2003
Sen. Chambliss, Saxby [R-GA]	R · GA		Apr 8, 2004

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 10, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Apr 10, 2003)

Fairness for America's Soldiers in Higher Education Act of 2003 - Amends the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA) to revise title IV student loan and grant assistance repayment provisions with respect to individuals who serve on active duty during a war or national emergency.

Exempts students who withdraw from higher education institutions to serve on active duty during a war or national emergency from requirements to repay certain title IV grant assistance.

Defers repayments of principal, and directs the Secretary of Education to make interest payments, on specified types of student loans during a war or national emergency when a borrower is: (1) a member of a regular component on active duty, and receives specified compensation; (2) on active duty, regardless of the location at which such active duty service is performed; or (3) on full-time National Guard duty under a call to active service for a period of more than 30 consecutive days to respond to a national emergency.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 10, 2003:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 10, 2003:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S5189-5190)
- **Apr 10, 2003:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure as introduced: CR S5190)