

## S 1066

### Federal Student Loan Refinancing Act

**Congress:** 113 (2013–2015, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Education

**Introduced:** May 23, 2013

**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. (May 23, 2013)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/113th-congress/senate-bill/1066>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** NY • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Jun 27, 2013
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Jul 29, 2013
Sen. Begich, Mark [D-AK]	D · AK		Feb 24, 2014
Sen. McCaskill, Claire [D-MO]	D · MO		Mar 26, 2014
Sen. Walsh, John E. [D-MT]	D · MT		Apr 9, 2014
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Apr 30, 2014
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		May 20, 2014
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		May 20, 2014
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		May 21, 2014
Sen. Pryor, Mark L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Jun 3, 2014

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 23, 2013

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Education

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HR 4622	Identical bill	<b>Jun 13, 2014:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training.

Federal Student Loan Refinancing Act - Amends title IV (Student Assistance) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to allow borrowers that received loans under the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (DL) or Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) program on or after July 1, 2006, to consolidate those loans as Federal Direct Consolidation Loans.

Directs the Secretary of Education to consolidate DLs, and send a completed loan consolidation application to FFEL borrowers, within 90 days of this Act's enactment. Gives FFEL borrowers six months after their receipt of such application to endorse it and submit it to the Secretary if they wish to consolidate their loans.

Sets the interest rate on Federal Direct Consolidation Loans at 4% or, if the weighted average of the interest rates of the loans being consolidated is less than 4%, the lesser of: (1) that weighted average, or (2) an interest rate equal to 0.4% of the principal balance of the consolidation loan at the time of consolidation.

Adds an origination fee equal to 0.4% of the principal balance of the consolidation loan at the time of consolidation if an FFEL is being consolidated.

Reduces the interest rate on a Federal Direct Consolidation Loan by 0.25% if one or more of the loans being consolidated is an FFEL held by an eligible lender.

Prohibits any benefit a borrower is receiving or earning when issued a Federal Direct Consolidation Loan from being affected by the consolidation.

### **Actions Timeline**

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