

S 1412

Strengthening Loan Forgiveness for Public Servants Act

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Policy Area: Education

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]

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

Cosponsors (10 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Feinstein, Dianne [D-CA]	D · CA		Jun 22, 2017
Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		Jun 22, 2017
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Jun 22, 2017
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Jun 22, 2017
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Jun 22, 2017
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Jun 22, 2017
Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]	D · NM		Jun 22, 2017
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Jun 22, 2017
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Jun 29, 2017
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Oct 26, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 22, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 2984	Related bill	May 24, 2018: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S2936-2937)
115 HR 3026	Identical bill	Jun 22, 2017: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

Strengthening Loan Forgiveness for Public Servants Act

This bill amends title IV (Student Assistance) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to direct the Department of Education (ED) to cancel 15%, 15%, 20%, 20%, and 30% of the amount a borrower owes after 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10 years of public service employment, respectively, on a William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan made after this bill's enactment. (Currently, the balance of a borrower's Direct Loan is canceled if the borrower is not in default and has made 120 monthly payments on such loan while employed as a public service employee.)

The bill: (1) requires borrowers availing themselves of such loan cancellation to submit an employment certification form that includes self-certification of employment and employer certification of employment dates, and (2) places the borrower's loan in deferment during the period in which the borrower is employed in an eligible public service job if the borrower submits such form to ED.

If a portion of a loan is canceled for any year, the interest on such loan for such year must be canceled.

Actions Timeline

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