

HR 3026

Strengthening Loan Forgiveness for Public Servants Act

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Education

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Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce. (Jun 22, 2017)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Swalwell, Eric [D-CA-15]

Party: Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (13 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
|---|---------------|------|--------------|
| Rep. Boyle, Brendan F. [D-PA-13] | D · PA | | Jun 22, 2017 |
| Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3] | D · CA | | Jun 22, 2017 |
| Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6] | D · WA | | Jun 26, 2017 |
| Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-12] | D · MI | | Jul 27, 2017 |
| Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20] | D · CA | | Jul 27, 2017 |
| Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1] | D · CO | | May 9, 2018 |
| Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large] | D · VT | | May 22, 2018 |
| Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3] | D · OR | | Jun 28, 2018 |
| Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19] | D · CA | | Jul 24, 2018 |
| Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4] | D · GA | | Aug 7, 2018 |
| Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large] | D · DC | | Aug 21, 2018 |
| Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13] | D · OH | | Sep 25, 2018 |
| Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1] | D · ME | | Oct 12, 2018 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Education and Workforce Committee | House | Referred To | Jun 22, 2017 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Education

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 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 S 1412 | Identical bill | Jun 22, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. |

Summary (as of Jun 22, 2017)

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

- **Jun 22, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 22, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.