

## S 2049

A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to automatically discharge the loans of certain veteran borrowers, and for other purposes.

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Education

**Introduced:** Jun 28, 2019

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Sponsor introduced)

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S4678) (Jun 28, 2019)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]

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

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA]	R · GA		Jun 28, 2019

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 28, 2019

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Education

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 3598	Related bill	Mar 11, 2020: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

This bill requires the Department of Education (ED) to automatically discharge loans under the Federal Family Education Loan program for certain borrowers who are veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Specifically, ED must

- automatically discharge a veteran borrower's loan when the Department of Veterans Affairs has assigned the borrower a rating of total disability for a service-connected disability or has determined the borrower to be unemployable due to a service-connected condition,
- determine whether a state might impose a tax liability for the discharge of such a loan, and
- provide the borrower with a notification related to potential tax liability and an opportunity to opt out of such loan discharge.

#### **Actions Timeline**

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