

## S 3556

COVID-19 Graduate Relief Act

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Education

**Introduced:** Mar 20, 2020

**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. (Mar 20, 2020)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/3556>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Romney, Mitt [R-UT]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** UT • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 20, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Education

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 6502	Identical bill	<b>Apr 14, 2020:</b> Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

### Summary (as of Mar 20, 2020)

#### COVID-19 Graduate Relief Act

This bill allows students who graduate from institutions of higher education in 2020 to defer payments on their federal student loans for up to three years.

The Department of Education (ED) may extend deferment eligibility to students who graduate in 2021 and 2022, if ED determines that the anticipated economic impact of the coronavirus (i.e., the virus that causes COVID-19 or another coronavirus with pandemic potential) on these graduates necessitates an extension. ED must consider certain factors, such as recent unemployment statistics from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, when determining whether to extend deferment eligibility to these graduates.

## Actions Timeline

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