

## HR 6502

### COVID-19 Graduate Relief Act

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Education

**Introduced:** Apr 14, 2020

**Current Status:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor. (Apr 14, 2020)

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Harder, Josh [D-CA-10]

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

## Cosponsors (13 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Cox, TJ [D-CA-21]	D · CA		Apr 14, 2020
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Apr 14, 2020
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Apr 14, 2020
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Apr 14, 2020
Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49]	D · CA		Apr 14, 2020
Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20]	D · CA		Apr 14, 2020
Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-45]	D · CA		Apr 14, 2020
Rep. Rouda, Harley [D-CA-48]	D · CA		Apr 14, 2020
Rep. Slotkin, Elissa [D-MI-8]	D · MI		Apr 14, 2020
Rep. Stefanik, Elise M. [R-NY-21]	R · NY		Apr 14, 2020
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		Apr 14, 2020
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Apr 14, 2020
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		May 8, 2020

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 14, 2020

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Education

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 3556	Identical bill	Mar 20, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

## **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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- **Apr 14, 2020:** Introduced in House
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