

HR 2829

SERVICE Act

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2]

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

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-10]	D · CA		Apr 10, 2025
Rep. Jacobs, Sara [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Dec 5, 2025
Rep. Salinas, Andrea [D-OR-6]	D · OR		Dec 16, 2025
Rep. Crockett, Jasmine [D-TX-30]	D · TX		Feb 9, 2026
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		Mar 12, 2026

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 10, 2025

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 HR 4862	Related bill	Aug 1, 2025: Referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

Strengthening Efforts for Relief and Vital Incentives for Community Service and Engagement Act or the SERVICE Act

This bill makes changes to the Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) program.

Under the current PSLF program, the Department of Education (ED) must cancel the balance of interest and principal due on a borrower's Federal Direct Loans after the borrower makes 120 monthly loan payments while employed in a public service job and, at the time of loan forgiveness, the borrower is employed in a public service job.

Among other changes to the PSLF program, this bill

- reduces from 120 to 96 the number of monthly payments required for loan forgiveness;
- expands qualifying monthly payments, deferments, and forbearances allowed under the PSLF program;
- removes the requirement that a borrower must be employed in a public service job at the time of loan forgiveness;
- establishes a reconsideration process for borrowers who have their initial PSLF application denied; and
- prohibits interest capitalization on loans after deferment or forbearance.

The bill directs ED to (1) establish an online portal that provides borrowers with information on loans and the PSLF program, and (2) establish and regularly update a database listing public service jobs.

The bill allows an eligible teacher to use the same teaching service to qualify for both the Teacher Loan Forgiveness program and the PSLF program.

The Government Accountability Office must study and report on the feasibility of establishing data matching agreements for PSLF that allows borrowers to forgo requesting employment certification from their employer.

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