

116TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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To provide bankruptcy relief for student borrowers.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Ms. WARREN, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BROWN, Ms. HARRIS, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. REED, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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**A BILL**

To provide bankruptcy relief for student borrowers.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Student Borrower  
5 Bankruptcy Relief Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS.**

7 (a) EXCEPTION TO DISCHARGE.—Section 523 of title  
8 11, United States Code, is amended in subsection (a), by  
9 striking paragraph (8).

1           (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 1328(a)(2)  
2 of title 11, United States Code, is amended by striking  
3 “(8),”.

4 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS.**

5           (a) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Except as provided in sub-  
6 section (b), this Act and the amendments made by this  
7 Act shall take effect on the date of enactment of this Act.

8           (b) APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS.—The amend-  
9 ments made by this Act shall apply only with respect to  
10 cases commenced under title 11, United States Code, on  
11 or after the date of enactment of this Act.