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S. 3207

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to allow for the deferment of certain student loans during a period in which a borrower is receiving treatment for cancer.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. NELSON introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

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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 “Deferment for Active
5 Cancer Treatment Act of 2018”.

6 **SEC. 2. STUDENT LOAN DEFERMENT FOR BORROWERS RE-**
7 **CEIVING CANCER TREATMENT.**

8 (a) DIRECT LOANS.—Section 455(f) of the Higher
9 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087e(f)) is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and (4) as
2 paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively; and

3 (2) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(3) DEFERMENT FOR BORROWERS RECEIVING
6 CANCER TREATMENT.—

7 “(A) EFFECT ON PRINCIPAL AND INTER-
8 EST.—A borrower of a loan made under this
9 part who meets the requirements of subpara-
10 graph (B) shall be eligible for a deferment, dur-
11 ing which periodic installments of principal
12 need not be paid, and interest shall not accrue.

13 “(B) ELIGIBILITY.—A borrower of a loan
14 made under this part shall be eligible for a
15 deferment during—

16 “(i) any period in which such bor-
17 rower is receiving treatment for cancer;
18 and

19 “(ii) the 6 months after such period.

20 “(C) APPLICABILITY.—This paragraph
21 shall apply with respect to loans—

22 “(i) made on or after the date of the
23 enactment of this paragraph; or

24 “(ii) in repayment on the date of the
25 enactment of this paragraph.”.

1 (b) TERMS OF FEDERALLY INSURED STUDENT
2 LOANS.—Section 427(a)(2)(C) of the Higher Education
3 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1077(a)(2)(C)) is amended—

4 (1) in clause (ii), by striking “; or” and insert-
5 ing a semicolon;

6 (2) in clause (iii), by inserting “or” after the
7 semicolon; and

8 (3) by inserting after clause (iii) the following:

9 “(iv) in which the borrower is receiv-
10 ing treatment for cancer and the 6 months
11 after such period;”.

12 (c) FFEL PROGRAM.—Section 428(b)(1)(M) of the
13 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1078(b)(1)(M))
14 is amended—

15 (1) in clause (iii), by striking “or (II); or” and
16 inserting a “or (II);”;

17 (2) in clause (iv), by inserting “or” after the
18 semicolon; and

19 (3) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(v) during which the borrower is re-
21 ceiving treatment for cancer and the 6
22 months after such period;”.

23 (d) FEDERAL PERKINS LOANS.—Section 464(c)(2)
24 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
25 1087dd(c)(2)) is amended—

1 (1) in subparagraph (A)—

2 (A) in clause (iv), by striking “; or” and
3 inserting a semicolon;

4 (B) in clause (v), by inserting “or” after
5 the semicolon; and

6 (C) by inserting after clause (v) the fol-
7 lowing:

8 “(vi) during which the borrower is receiv-
9 ing treatment for cancer and the 6 months
10 after such period;”.

11 (e) INTEREST ON UNSUBSIDIZED STAFFORD
12 LOANS.—Section 428H(e)(2) of the Higher Education Act
13 of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1078–8(e)(2)) is amended—

14 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “Interest”
15 and inserting “Except as provided in subparagraph
16 (C), interest”; and

17 (2) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(C) Interest shall not accrue on a loan de-
19 ferred under section 428(b)(1)(M)(v) or
20 427(a)(2)(C)(iv).”.

21 (f) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by this
22 Act shall apply with respect to loans—

23 (1) made on or after the date of the enactment
24 of this Act; or

1 (2) in repayment on the date of the enactment
2 of this Act.

