117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide student loan
deferment for victims of terrorist attacks.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. RUBIO introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on _____

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A BILL

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student loan deferment for victims of terrorist attacks.

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 "Terrorism Survivors

5 Student Loan Deferment Act".

6 **SEC. 2. STUDENT LOAN DEFERMENT FOR VICTIMS OF TER-**

7   **RORIST ATTACKS.**

8   (a) TERMS OF FEDERALLY INSURED STUDENT

9 LOANS.—Section 427(a)(2)(C) of the Higher Education

10 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1077(a)(2)(C)) is amended—

1   (1) in clause (iii), by striking "or" after the

2 semicolon;

3   (2) in clause (iv), by striking the period at the

4 end and inserting "; or"; and

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

6   "(v) not in excess of 1 year due to the

7   borrower being a victim of a terrorist at-

8   tack;".

9 (b) FFEL PROGRAM.—Section 428(b) of the Higher

10 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1078(b)) is amended—

11   (1) in paragraph (1)(M)—

12   (A) in clause (iv), by striking "or" after

13   the semicolon;

14   (B) in clause (v), by inserting "or" after

15   the semicolon; and

16   (C) by adding at the end the following:

17   "(vi) not in excess of 1 year due to

18   the borrower being a victim of a terrorist

19   attack as described in paragraph (10);";

20   and

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

22   "(10) DEFERMENT FOR VICTIMS OF TERRORIST

23 ATTACKS.—For purposes of deferment under para-

24 graph (1)(M)(vi), a victim of a terrorist attack is an

25 individual who is designated as a victim of a ter-

1 rorist attack by the head of the Federal agency that

2 is handling the investigation of the attack.''.

3 (c) DIRECT LOANS.—Section 455 of the Higher Edu-

4 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087e) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (e)(7)(B)(i), by inserting ''or

6 due to the borrower being a victim of a terrorist at-

7 tack'' after ''section 435(o)''; and

8 (2) in subsection (f)—

9 (A) in paragraph (2)—

10 (i) in subparagraph (C), by striking

11 ''clause (i) or (ii); or'' and inserting

12 ''clause (i) or (ii);'';

13 (ii) in subparagraph (D), by striking

14 the period at the end and inserting ''; or'';

15 and

16 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-

17 lowing:

18 ''(E) not in excess of 1 year due to the

19 borrower being a victim of a terrorist attack as

20 described in paragraph (6).''; and

21 (B) by adding at the end the following:

22 ''(6) DEFERMENT FOR VICTIMS OF TERRORIST

23 ATTACKS.—For purposes of deferment under para-

24 graph (2)(E), a victim of a terrorist attack is an in-

25 dividual who is designated as a victim of a terrorist

1   attack by the head of the Federal agency that is

2   handling the investigation of the attack.''.

3   (d) FEDERAL PERKINS LOANS.—Section 464(c)(2)

4   of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.

5   1087dd(c)(2)) is amended—

6   (1) in subparagraph (A)—

7   (A) in clause (v), by striking ''or'' after the

8   semicolon;

9   (B) in clause (vi), by inserting ''or'' after

10   the semicolon; and

11   (C) by inserting after clause (vi) the fol-

12   lowing:

13   ''(vii) not in excess of 1 year due to

14   the borrower being a victim of a terrorist

15   attack as described in subparagraph (D);'';

16   and

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

18   ''(D) For purposes of deferment under subpara-

19   graph (A)(vii), a victim of a terrorist attack is an in-

20   dividual who is designated as a victim of a terrorist

21   attack by the head of the Federal agency that is

22   handling the investigation of the attack.''.

23   (e) DESIGNATING VICTIMS OF TERRORIST AT-

24   TACKS.—The head of the Federal agency that is handling

25   the investigation of a terrorist attack, or has handled the

1 investigation of a terrorist attack, shall designate the indi-

2 viduals who are victims of such terrorist attack.

3   (f) ANTI-FRAUD PROTECTIONS.—The Secretary of

4 Education shall establish anti-fraud protections in car-

5 rying out the amendments made by this Act.