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S. 1480

To direct the Secretary of Education to deem each month for which certain Federal student loans are in deferment during a period of active duty service as months counted toward public service loan forgiveness.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 29, 2021

Ms. HASSAN (for herself, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. KAINE, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. REED, Ms. MURKOWSKI, and Ms. DUCKWORTH) 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 “Recognizing Military
5 Service in PSLF Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ACTIVE DUTY DEFERMENT PERIODS COUNTED TO-**
2 **WARD PUBLIC SERVICE LOAN FORGIVENESS.**

3 Section 455(m) of the Higher Education Act of 1965
4 (20 U.S.C. 1087e(m)) is amended—

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

7 (2) in paragraph (1), in the matter preceding
8 subparagraph (A), by striking “paragraph (2)” and
9 inserting “paragraph (3)”; and

10 (3) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-
11 lowing:

12 “(2) **ACTIVE DUTY DEFERMENT PERIODS.—**
13 Notwithstanding any other provision of this sub-
14 section, the Secretary shall deem each month for
15 which a loan payment was in deferment under sub-
16 section (f)(2) of this section or for which a loan pay-
17 ment was in forbearance under section
18 685.205(a)(7) of title 34, Code of Federal Regula-
19 tions, (or similar successor regulations), for a bor-
20 rower described in subsection (f)(2)(C) as if the bor-
21 rower of the loan had made a payment for the pur-
22 pose of public service loan forgiveness under this
23 subsection.”.

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