

119TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. _____

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to reverse the reductions in Federal loan availability for graduate and professional students enacted under Public Law 119–21.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

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 “Professional Degree
5 Access Restoration Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ANNUAL AND AGGREGATE LOAN LIMITS FOR GRAD-**
2 **UATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 455(a) of the Higher
4 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087e(a)) is amend-
5 ed—

6 (1) in paragraph (3)—

7 (A) in the paragraph heading, by striking
8 “AND FEDERAL DIRECT PLUS LOANS”;

9 (B) in subparagraph (A)—

10 (i) by striking the heading for sub-
11 paragraph (A), and inserting the following:
12 “IN GENERAL”;

13 (ii) in the matter preceding clause (i),
14 by inserting before the dash at the end the
15 following: “, for any period of instruction
16 beginning on or after July 1, 2012”;

17 (iii) in clause (i), by striking “for any
18 period of instruction beginning on or after
19 July 1, 2012,”; and

20 (iv) in clause (ii), by striking “for any
21 period of instruction beginning on July 1,
22 2012, and ending on June 30, 2026,”; and

23 (C) by striking subparagraph (C); and

24 (2) by striking paragraph (4), and redesign-
25 ating paragraphs (5) through (8) as paragraphs
26 (4) through (7), respectively.

1 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—
2 Section 455(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
3 U.S.C. 1087e(a)), as amended by subsection (a), is further
4 amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (4), as redesignated by sub-
6 section (a)(2), by striking “paragraph (8)” and in-
7 sserting “paragraph (7)” both places the term ap-
8 pears;

9 (2) in paragraph (5), as redesignated by sub-
10 section (a)(2), by striking “paragraph (8)” and in-
11 sserting “paragraph (7)”;

12 (3) in paragraph (7), as redesignated by sub-
13 section (a)(2), by striking “Paragraphs (3)(C), (4),
14 (5), and (6) shall not apply, and paragraph
15 (3)(A)(ii) shall apply as such paragraph was in ef-
16 fect for periods of instruction ending before June
17 30, 2026,” and inserting “(4), and (5)” and insert-
18 ing “Paragraphs (4) and (5) shall not apply”.