

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. BOOKER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 “Adjunct Faculty Loan  
5       Fairness Act of 2025”.

6       **SEC. 2. LOAN FORGIVENESS FOR ADJUNCT FACULTY.**

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

1           (1) by striking “teaching as” and inserting the  
2           following: “teaching—

3                               “(I) as”;

4           (2) by striking “, foreign language faculty, and  
5           part-time faculty at community colleges), as deter-  
6           mined by the Secretary.” and inserting “and foreign  
7           language faculty), as determined by the Secretary;  
8           or”; and

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

10                           “(II) at an institution of higher  
11                           education (as defined in section  
12                           101(a)), a postsecondary vocational  
13                           institution (as defined in section  
14                           102(c)), or a Tribal College or Uni-  
15                           versity (as defined in section 316(b)),  
16                           in non-tenured track employment as  
17                           an adjunct or contingent faculty,  
18                           teacher, or lecturer who—

19                                       “(aa) teaches—

20                                       “(AA) not less than 9  
21                                       credit hours per semester, 6  
22                                       credit hours per trimester,  
23                                       or 18 credit hours per cal-  
24                                       endar year; or

1                   “(BB) not less than a  
2                   total of 30 hours per week,  
3                   as determined by multi-  
4                   plying each credit or contact  
5                   hour taught per week by  
6                   3.35 (or a larger number, if  
7                   determined appropriate by  
8                   the Secretary); and  
9                   “(bb) is not employed on a  
10                  full-time basis by any other em-  
11                  ployer.”.