

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 2485

To amend section 455(m) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 in order to allow adjunct faculty members to qualify for public service loan forgiveness.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 28, 2025

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 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 “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.”.

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