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# S. 3352

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 Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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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 (ii), by striking “or” after the  
2       semicolon;

3           (2) in clause (iii), by inserting “or” after the  
4       semicolon; and

5           (3) by inserting after clause (iii) the following:

6                       “(iv) not in excess of 1 year due to  
7                       the borrower being a victim of a terrorist  
8                       attack;”.

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 (iii), by striking “or (II); or”  
13                       and inserting “or (II);”;

14                       (B) in clause (iv), by inserting “or” after  
15                       the semicolon; and

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

17                               “(v) not in excess of 1 year due to the  
18                               borrower being a victim of a terrorist at-  
19                               tack as described in paragraph (10);”;

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

21                       “(10) DEFERMENT FOR VICTIMS OF TERRORIST  
22       ATTACKS.—For purposes of deferment under para-  
23       graph (1)(M)(v), a victim of a terrorist attack is an  
24       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 (5).”; and

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

22                       “(5) 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 (iv), by striking “or” after  
8       the semicolon;

9                       (B) in clause (v), by inserting “or” after  
10      the semicolon; and

11                      (C) by inserting after clause (v) the fol-  
12      lowing:

13                               “(vi) 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)(vi), 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.

