

116TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

S. 2124

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for institutional shared responsibility for student loan default.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 16, 2019

Mr. HAWLEY 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 “Skin in the Game Act”.

**5 SEC. 2. INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION REPAYING A  
6 PORTION OF STUDENT LOAN DEBTS.**

7       Section 454 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20  
8 U.S.C. 1087d) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
9 lowing:

1       “(d) INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION REPAY-  
2    ING A PORTION OF STUDENT LOAN DEBTS.—

3           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Each institution of higher  
4    education participating in the direct student loan  
5    program under this part for a fiscal year shall be  
6    liable for 50 percent of any student loan balance  
7    that is in default for a loan made under this part  
8    that was used towards the cost of attendance at the  
9    institution.

10          “(2) NO OFFSET.—An institution of higher  
11    education shall not increase the costs of tuition at  
12    the institution, charge any additional fee to stu-  
13    dents, or otherwise increase the cost of attendance  
14    at the institution in order to offset the liability of  
15    the institution under paragraph (1).”.

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