
FOOTING THE BILL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION: WHO PAYS?

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HOW STATE LEGISLATURES ADDRESS FUNDING FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

- **Performance-Based Funding**
 - Implementing: Illinois, Indiana, North Dakota
 - Implementing/Developing: Wisconsin
 - Developed/Not Implementing: Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri
 - Not Implementing: Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota
- **Statewide Promise Programs**
 - Active: Indiana, Missouri,
 - Proposed: Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin
- **Student Loans/Student Debt Legislation**



THE LATEST ON REAUTHORIZING THE HIGHER EDUCATION ACT

- **The House is scheduling hearings on:**
 - The Cost of College: Student Centered Reforms to Bring Higher Education Within Reach
 - Strengthening Accountability in Higher Education to Better Serve Students and Taxpayers
 - The Cost of Non-Completion: Improving Student Outcomes in Higher Education
 - Engines of Economic Mobility: The Critical Role of Community Colleges, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and Minority-Serving Institutions in Preparing Students for Success
 - Innovation to Improve Equity: Exploring High-Quality Pathways to a College Degree



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- **The Senate:**
- Senator Alexander's priorities:
 - New accountability program for colleges/universities (focused on student loan paybacks per major)
 - Simplifying the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
 - Reducing the options for repaying federal student loans (emphasis on Income Sharing Agreements)
- Senator Murray's priorities:
 - New accountability program for colleges/universities (focused on for-profits)
 - College affordability - increasing need-based student aid (Work-study; Pell Grants)
 - Increased funding to institutions serving underrepresented students (1st gen; veterans; students of color)
 - Federal-state partnership to incentivize greater state funding (via matching)
 - Campus safety and rules governing Title IX response (sexual assault and harassment)



NOTEWORTHY BILLS ADDRESSING STUDENT LOANS AND STUDENT DEBT

- So far in 2019, states have *introduced* 119 bills related to student loan forgiveness programs.
 - Over half of these bills would create or expand loan forgiveness programs targeting specific professions such as healthcare professionals and educators.
- States have *introduced* nearly 50 bills creating tax credits or deductions for student loans or tuition expenses.
- States have *introduced* 20 bills creating a student loan bill of rights or student loan ombudsman.



STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS PROFESSION-BASED: HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

Introduced Legislation

State	Bill	Summary
IA	SB 167	Adds mental health professionals to student loan repayment program.
IN	SB 249	Establishes a psychiatrist student loan forgiveness program who practice psychiatric medicine in rural areas.
IN	SB 188	Establishes the nursing faculty loan repayment grant program.
IN	HB 1218	Establishes the health workforce student loan repayment program.
MN	SB 285	Appropriates funds to the large animal veterinarian loan forgiveness program.
MO	SB 358	Modifies the Health Professional Student Loan Repayment Program to include psychiatrists.
ND	SB 2143	Creates new loan forgiveness caps in the healthcare professional student loan repayment program.

STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS

PROFESSION-BASED: TEACHERS/EDUCATORS & OTHER PROFESSIONS

Teachers and Educators – Introduced

State	Bill	Summary
IL	HB 35	Creates forgivable student loans as part of the Grow Your Own Teacher Education Act.
IL	HB 3413	Creates the Teacher Loan Repayment Fund.
ND	HB 1429	Makes changes to the governance and oversight of the Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program.

Other Professions - Introduced

State	Bill	Summary
IA	D 2576	Relates to the Emergency Services Student Loan Forgiveness Program.
IN	SB 400	Establishes a student loan forgiveness fund to provide grants for student loan repayment assistance to eligible Department of Child Services family case managers, and supervisors.
MN	HB 1201	Creates a Loan Forgiveness Program for aviation degrees including pilots or aircraft technicians.



STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS

RESIDENCY-BASED: TALENT RETENTION & OTHER PROGRAMS

Talent Retention- Introduced

State	Bill	Summary
IA	HB 18	Establishes a worker shortage loan forgiveness program.
IN	HB 1328	Establishes the Indiana Resident Federal Student Loan Repayment Program and Fund.
KS	HB 2216	Establishes State Employees Student Loan Repayment Assistance Act.
KS	HB 2312	Establishes the rural revitalization student loan repayment program.

Other Programs - Introduced

State	Bill	Summary
IL	SB 1342	Establishes a student loan refinancing program for applicants who meet criteria.
MN	SB 306	Provides for a student loan debt counseling grant.
MN	HB 583	Expands eligibility for the student loan refinancing program.
ND	HB 1171	Creates a skilled workforce student loan repayment program.



STUDENT LOAN TAX-RELATED LEGISLATION

Introduced Legislation

State	Bill	Summary
IA	SB 214	Creates a new deduction for any income of an employee resulting from the payment by an employer on the employee's qualified education loan.
IL	HB 2973	Creates the Student Loan Repayment Tax Credit.
KS	SB 13	Expands the Student Loan Forgiveness Program and related state income tax credit.
KS	H 2264	Provides a tax credit to Pell Grant recipients at a postsecondary educational institution.
KS	H 2301	Establishes the tax credit for Low Income Postsecondary Students Scholarship Program Act.
MN	H 502	Makes the student loan credit refundable.
MN	H 503	Modifies the student loan credit calculation.

STUDENT LOAN REGULATION LEGISLATION

Student Loan Bill of Rights - Introduced

State	Bill	Summary
MO	HB 199	Establishes a Student Loan Bill Rights.
NJ	SB 1149	Creates the Office of Student Loan Ombudsman to regulate student loan servicers.
CO	SB 2	Requires student loan servicers to obtain a license.

Other Legislation - Introduced

State	Bill	Summary
IA	H 321	Relates to the provision of debt management services in connection with educational loans; makes penalties applicable.
MT	SB 87	Requests units of the university system to provide financial literacy workshops and reports to students incurring federal student loan debt.

THANK YOU!

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