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# H. R. 4859

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to allow certain payments made by public service employees to qualify for public service repayment, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 19, 2018

Mr. FOSTER (for himself, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, and Mr. SWALWELL of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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## A BILL

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to allow certain payments made by public service employees to qualify for public service repayment, and for other purposes.

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 “Public Service Loan  
5 Forgiveness Inclusion Act of 2018”.

6 **SEC. 2. QUALIFYING PAYMENTS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 455(m) of the Higher  
8 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087e(m)) is amend-  
9 ed—

1 (1) in paragraph (1)(A) by inserting “subject to  
2 paragraph (5),” before “has made”; and

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

4 “(5) FIRST 60 MONTHLY PAYMENTS.—

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For the purpose of  
6 meeting the requirement under subparagraph  
7 (A) of paragraph (1), the first 60 monthly pay-  
8 ments may be payments under a repayment  
9 plan under subsection (d)(1) or (g).

10 “(B) APPLICABILITY.—This paragraph  
11 shall apply to borrowers who on or after the  
12 date of the enactment of this paragraph have  
13 made less than 120 monthly payments under  
14 paragraph (1)(A).”.

15 (b) NOTIFICATION TO BORROWERS.—Not later than  
16 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
17 Secretary of Education shall—

18 (1) inform each borrower of a loan made under  
19 part D of title IV of the Higher Education Act of  
20 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087a et seq.) of—

21 (A) paragraph (5) of section 455(m) of the  
22 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
23 1087e(m)), as amended by this Act; and

1           (B) the effect of such paragraph on loan  
2           cancellation under such section 455(m) (20  
3           U.S.C. 1087e(m)); and  
4           (2) provide information to such borrowers on  
5           how to change repayment plans.

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