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H. R. 6862

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to delay, until July 1, 2030, the termination of authority to award certain Federal Direct PLUS loans and the implementation of limits on certain loans for graduate and professional students enrolled at institutions with certain public health designations, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 18, 2025

Mr. HARDER of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce

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 “Protecting Health Care
5 Workforce Pipelines Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF LOANS.**

2 Section 455(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965
3 (20 U.S.C. 1087e(a)) is amended—

4 (1) in paragraph (3)(C)—

5 (A) by striking “Subject to” and inserting

6 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to”; and

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

8 “(ii) DELAY OF TERMINATION FOR
9 GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS
10 AT COVERED INSTITUTIONS.—

11 “(I) IN GENERAL.—In the case
12 of a graduate or professional student
13 enrolled in a program of study at a
14 covered institution, clause (i) shall be
15 applied by substituting ‘July 1, 2030’
16 for ‘July 1, 2026’.

17 “(II) COVERED INSTITUTION.—
18 For purposes of this clause, the term
19 ‘covered institution’ means an institu-
20 tion—

21 “(aa) that—

22 “(AA) is a health pro-
23 fessions school (as defined in
24 section 799B of the Public
25 Health Service Act (42
26 U.S.C. 295p));

1 “(BB) offers a health
2 professions program (as de-
3 fined in section 799B of the
4 Public Health Service Act
5 (42 U.S.C. 295p)); or

6 “(CC) offers a nursing
7 program described in section
8 811 of the Public Health
9 Service Act (42 U.S.C.
10 296j); and

11 “(bb) that is located within
12 100 miles of an area—

13 “(AA) that is des-
14 ignated as a health profes-
15 sional shortage area under
16 section 332(a)(1) of the
17 Public Health Service Act
18 (42 U.S.C. 254e(a)(1)); or

19 “(BB) that serves a
20 medically underserved com-
21 munity (as defined in sec-
22 tion 799B of the Public
23 Health Service Act (42
24 U.S.C. 295p)).”; and

1 (2) in paragraph (4), by adding at the end the
2 following:

3 “(D) DELAY OF LOAN LIMITS FOR GRAD-
4 UATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS AT COV-
5 ERED INSTITUTIONS.—In the case of a grad-
6 uate or professional student enrolled in a pro-
7 gram of study at a covered institution (as such
8 term is defined in paragraph (3)(C)(ii)(II))—

9 “(i) subparagraph (A) shall be applied
10 by substituting ‘July 1, 2030’ for ‘July 1,
11 2026’; and

12 “(ii) subparagraph (B) shall be ap-
13 plied by substituting ‘July 1, 2030’ for
14 ‘July 1, 2026’.”.

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