

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 311

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to include certain employment as a health care practitioner as eligible for public service loan forgiveness, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 12, 2021

Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. CORNYN) 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 “Stopping Doctor
5 Shortages Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PUB-**
 2 **LIC SERVICE LOAN FORGIVENESS.**

3 Section 455(m)(3) of the Higher Education Act of
 4 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087e(m)(3)) is amended by adding at
 5 the end the following:

6 “(C) FULL-TIME PROFESSIONALS EN-
 7 GAGED IN HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER OCCU-
 8 PATIONS.—The term ‘full-time professionals en-
 9 gaged in health care practitioner occupations’
 10 includes an individual who—

11 “(i) has a full-time job as a health
 12 care practitioner;

13 “(ii) provides medical services in such
 14 full-time job at a nonprofit hospital or pub-
 15 lic hospital or other nonprofit or public
 16 health care facility; and

17 “(iii) is prohibited from being em-
 18 ployed directly by such hospital or other
 19 health care facility by State law.”.

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