

AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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In subtitle E of title XVII, add at the end the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . TEMPORARY RELIEF FOR PRIVATE STUDENT**
2 **LOAN BORROWERS.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—A servicer of a private education
4 loan extended to a covered borrower shall suspend all pay-
5 ments on such loan through September 30, 2021.

6 (b) **NO ACCRUAL OF INTEREST.**—Interest shall not
7 accrue on a loan described under subsection (a) for which
8 payment was suspended for the period of the suspension.

9 (c) **CONSIDERATION OF PAYMENTS.**—A servicer of a
10 private education loan extended to a covered borrower
11 shall deem each month for which a loan payment was sus-
12 pended under this section as if the borrower of the loan
13 had made a payment for the purpose of any loan forgive-
14 ness program or loan rehabilitation program for which the
15 borrower would have otherwise qualified.

16 (d) **REPORTING TO CONSUMER REPORTING AGEN-**
17 **CIES.**—During the period in which a loan payment was
18 suspended under this section, the servicer of the loan shall

1 ensure that, for the purpose of reporting information
2 about the loan to a consumer reporting agency, any pay-
3 ment that has been suspended is treated as if it were a
4 regularly scheduled payment made by a borrower.

5 (e) SUSPENDING INVOLUNTARY COLLECTION.—Dur-
6 ing the period for which a loan payment was suspended
7 under this section, the servicer or holder of the loan shall
8 suspend all involuntary collection related to the loan.

9 (f) NOTICE TO BORROWERS AND TRANSITION PE-
10 RIOD.—To inform covered borrowers of the actions taken
11 in accordance with this section and ensure an effective
12 transition, the servicer of a private education loan ex-
13 tended to a covered borrower shall—

14 (1) not later than 15 days after the date of en-
15 actment of this Act, notify covered borrowers—

16 (A) of the actions taken in accordance with
17 subsections (a) and (b) for whom payments
18 have been suspended and interest waived;

19 (B) of the actions taken in accordance with
20 subsection (e) for whom collections have been
21 suspended;

22 (C) of the option to continue making pay-
23 ments toward principal; and

24 (D) that the program under this section is
25 a temporary program; and

1 (2) beginning on August 1, 2020, carry out a
2 program to provide not less than 6 notices by postal
3 mail, telephone, or electronic communication to cov-
4 ered borrowers indicating when the borrower’s nor-
5 mal payment obligations will resume.

6 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 (1) COVERED BORROWER.—The term “covered
8 borrower” means a borrower of a private education
9 loan.

10 (2) PRIVATE EDUCATION LOAN.—The term
11 “private education loan” has the meaning given the
12 term in section 140 of the Truth in Lending Act (15
13 U.S.C. 1650).

