

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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To amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to allow for deductions of student loan payments from income.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. WELCH (for himself, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Student Loan Deduc-
5 tion Act of 2024”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEDUCTION FOR STUDENT LOAN PAYMENTS.**

7 Section 5(e) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008
8 (7 U.S.C. 2014(e)) is amended by adding at the end the
9 following:

1 “(7) DEDUCTION FOR STUDENT LOAN PAY-
2 MENTS.—

3 “(A) DEFINITION OF STUDENT LOAN.—In
4 this paragraph, the term ‘student loan’ means
5 any of the following:

6 “(i) A loan that is made, insured, or
7 guaranteed under title IV of the Higher
8 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070 et
9 seq.).

10 “(ii) A private education loan (as de-
11 fined in section 140(a) of the Truth in
12 Lending Act (15 U.S.C. 1650(a))).

13 “(B) DEDUCTION.—Beginning 180 days
14 after the date of enactment of this paragraph,
15 a household shall be entitled, at certification or
16 recertification, as applicable, with respect to ex-
17 penses other than expenses paid on behalf of
18 the household by a third party, to a deduction
19 for the amount of monthly payments made by
20 a household member on a student loan of that
21 household member or any other household
22 member.”.