

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. WELCH (for himself, Mr. PADILLA, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL,  
Mr. WYDEN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mr. SANDERS) in-  
troduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Com-  
mittee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 2025”.

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.”.