

173rd CONGRESS

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 12, 2024

Introduced by Sen. Pluribus, for themselves, Sen. Emperio, Sen. Harris, Sen. Mac and
[INSERT COSPONSOR])

A BILL

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to include certain individuals who work on farms or ranches as individuals who are employed in public service jobs for purposes of eligibility for loan forgiveness under the Federal Direct Loan program.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. Short Title

(a) This Act may be cited as the Farmers in Public Service Success Act of 2024

SEC. 2. ELIGIBILITY OF CERTAIN FARM AND RANCH WORKERS FOR STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS.

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

(1) by striking “or” at the end of clause (i);

(2) by striking the period at the end of clause (ii) and inserting “; or”;
and

(3) by adding at the end the following new clause:

“(iii) a full-time job engaged in farm work as an employee or manager of a qualified farm or ranch.”.

(b) DEFINITION.—Section 455(m)(3) of such Act (20 U.S.C. 1087e(m)(3)) is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(C) QUALIFIED FARM OR RANCH.—The term ‘qualified farm or ranch’ means, with respect to a year, a farm or ranch whose earnings of gross revenue during the year from the sale of agricultural products are equal to or greater than—

“(i) in the case of 2024, \$40,000; or

“(ii) in the case of any succeeding year, the amount applicable under this subparagraph for the previous year increased by the estimated percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (as determined by the Secretary, using the definition in section 478(f)) for the most recent year preceding such year.”.

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