

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself and Mr. MORAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Ensuring Military Ac-
3 cess to Higher Education Benefits Act of 2023”.

4 **SEC. 2. DATA MATCHING AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPART-**
5 **MENT OF EDUCATION.**

6 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
7 of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall complete a data
8 matching agreement with the Secretary of Education in
9 order to ensure that individuals who are current or former
10 active-duty military service members or civilian employees
11 and are otherwise eligible for assistance under the public
12 service loan forgiveness program under section 455(m) of
13 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087e(m))
14 have their periods of employment, beginning on October
15 1, 2007, automatically certified and counted towards the
16 public service loan forgiveness program.