

*Statutory Language:*

**SEC. 1115. STUDY OF THE IMPACT OF STUDENT LOAN DEBT ON PUBLIC SERVICE.**

(a) Study- The Secretary of Education, in consultation with the Office of Management and Budget, is authorized to coordinate with an organization with expertise in the field of public service, such as the National Academy of Public Administrators or the American Society for Public Administration, to coordinate with interested parties to conduct a study of how student loan debt levels impact the decisions of graduates of postsecondary and graduate education programs to enter into public service careers. Such study shall include--

(1) an assessment of the challenges to recruiting and retaining well-qualified public servants, including the impact of student loan debt;

(2) an evaluation of existing Federal programs to recruit and retain well-qualified public servants;

(3) an evaluation of whether additional Federal programs could increase the number of graduates of postsecondary and graduate education programs who enter careers in public service; and

(4) recommendations for programs that could encourage new graduates of postsecondary and graduate education programs to enter public service careers.

(b) Report- Not later than one year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Education, in consultation with the Office of Management and Budget, shall submit to the authorizing committees a report related to the findings of the study conducted under subsection (a).