

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. _____

To ensure full labor protections for graduate student workers, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

_____ 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 “Respect Graduate Stu-
5 dent Workers Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SENSE OF CONGRESS.**

7 It is the sense of Congress that, pursuant to the defi-
8 nition of “employee” in section 2 of the National Labor
9 Relations Act (29 U.S.C. 152)—

1 (1) graduate student workers at colleges and
2 universities are employees and should be granted
3 every right and responsibility conferred to them
4 under such Act; and

5 (2) graduate student workers should not be ex-
6 cluded from the definition of “employee” on the
7 basis of an educational relationship with an em-
8 ployer.

9 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN RULEMAKING.**

10 The National Labor Relations Board shall not final-
11 ize or take any action to implement, administer, or enforce
12 the proposed rule entitled “Jurisdiction-Nonemployee Sta-
13 tus of University and College Students Working in Con-
14 nection With Their Studies”, as published in the Federal
15 Register on September 23, 2019 (84 Fed. Reg. 49691),
16 or promulgate, implement, administer, or enforce any
17 similar rule.