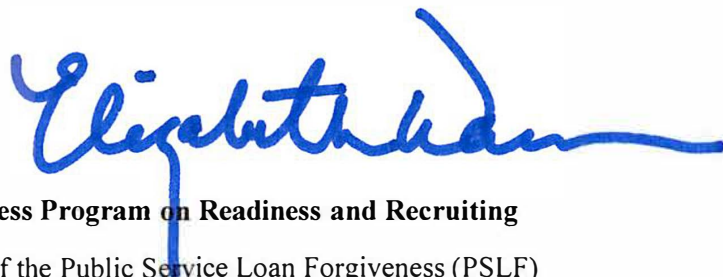


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GAO Study on Effectiveness of Student Loan Forgiveness Program on Readiness and Recruiting

The committee recognizes the importance of the mission of the Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) program, authorized in Section 455(m) of the Higher Education Act of 1965, to encourage more Americans to pursue careers serving their communities in critical jobs—including in careers in military service and civilian careers at the Department of Defense. The Committee further recognizes that a well-administered PSLF program allows members of the uniformed services with student loans to serve their country without spending decades repaying federal student loan debt, and contributes to the successful recruitment and retention of highly qualified and educated recruits by eliminating a barrier to entry to military or civilian service. For the military services, this broadens the supply of eligible recruits, which, in the long term, can reduce recruiting, and retention costs. Therefore, the Committee directs the Comptroller General of the United States to provide to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives, not later than June 30, 2020, a report assessing the effectiveness of the PSLF program at promoting military readiness and the effect of the PSLF program on military and civilian recruitment. The Committee further directs the Comptroller General of the United States to make any recommendations to Congress and to the Secretary of Education regarding the implementation of the PSLF program the Comptroller General deems appropriate to strengthen military readiness, and military and civilian recruitment.

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