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H. R. 687

To expand the teacher loan forgiveness programs under the Federal Family Education Loan and Federal Direct Loan programs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MOORE (for himself, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. FROST, Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri, Mr. BENTSEN, Ms. BERKLEY, and Mrs. JONES of Ohio) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

To expand the teacher loan forgiveness programs under the Federal Family Education Loan and Federal Direct Loan programs.

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 “Teacher Recruitment
5 and Retention Act of 2001”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF ELIGIBILITY.**

7 (a) ELIMINATION OF NEW BORROWER RESTRIC-
8 TIONS.—

1 (1) FFEL PROGRAM.—Section 428J(b) of the
2 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1078–
3 10(b)) is amended by striking “for any new bor-
4 rower on or after October 1, 1998, who” and insert-
5 ing “for any borrower who”.

6 (2) FEDERAL DIRECT LOAN PROGRAM.—Section
7 460(b)(1) of such Act (20 U.S.C. 1087j(b)(1)) is
8 amended by striking “for any new borrower on or
9 after October 1, 1998, who” and inserting “for any
10 borrower who”.

11 (b) EXPANSION OF ELIGIBLE TEACHING LOCATIONS
12 AND SUBJECTS; ELIMINATING DELAY IN SERVICE BEN-
13 EFIT.—

14 (1) FFEL PROGRAM.—Section 428J(b)(1) of
15 such Act is amended by striking everything pre-
16 ceding subparagraph (B) and inserting the following:

17 “(1) has been employed as a full-time teacher—

18 “(A)(i) in a school that qualifies under sec-
19 tion 465(a)(2)(A) for loan cancellation for Per-
20 kins loan recipients who teach in such schools;

21 “(ii) as a full-time special education teach-
22 er, as described in section 465(a)(2)(C); or

23 “(iii) as a full-time teacher of mathe-
24 matics, science, foreign languages, bilingual
25 education, or any other field of expertise where

1 the State educational agency determines there
2 is a shortage of qualified teachers;”.

3 (2) FEDERAL DIRECT LOAN PROGRAM.—Section
4 460(b)(1)(A) of such Act (20 U.S.C.
5 1087j(b)(1)(A)) is amended by striking everything
6 preceding clause (ii) and inserting the following:

7 “(A) has been employed as a full-time
8 teacher—

9 “(i)(I) in a school that qualifies under
10 section 465(a)(2)(A) for loan cancellation
11 for Perkins loan recipients who teach in
12 such schools;

13 “(II) as a full-time special education
14 teacher, as described in section
15 465(a)(2)(C); or

16 “(III) as a full-time teacher of mathe-
17 matics, science, foreign languages, bilin-
18 gual education, or any other field of exper-
19 tise where the State educational agency de-
20 termines there is a shortage of qualified
21 teachers;”.

22 **SEC. 3. AMOUNT AND RATE OF REPAYMENT.**

23 (a) FFEL PROGRAM.—Section 428J(e) of the High-
24 er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1078–10(e)) is

1 amended by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(1) AMOUNT AND RATE OF REPAYMENT.—The
4 Secretary shall repay an amount that is not more
5 than \$10,000 in the aggregate of the loan obligation
6 on a loan made under section 428 or 428H that is
7 outstanding after the completion of the first com-
8 plete school year of teaching described in subsection
9 (b)(1) for which the borrower seeks repayment
10 under this section. Such amount shall be repaid at
11 the rate of 15 percent for the first or second year
12 of such service, 20 percent for the third or fourth
13 year of such service, and 30 percent for the fifth
14 year of such service. No borrower may receive a re-
15 duction of loan obligations under both this section
16 and section 460.”.

17 (b) FEDERAL DIRECT LOAN PROGRAM.—Section
18 460(c) of such Act (20 U.S.C. 1087j(c)) is amended by
19 striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

20 “(1) AMOUNT AND RATE OF REPAYMENT.—The
21 Secretary shall cancel an amount that is not more
22 than \$10,000 in the aggregate of the loan obligation
23 on a loan made under section 428 or 428H that is
24 outstanding after the completion of the first com-
25 plete school year of teaching described in subsection

1 (b)(1)(A). Such amount shall be canceled at the rate
2 of 15 percent for the first or second year of such
3 service, 20 percent for the third or fourth year of
4 such service, and 30 percent for the fifth year of
5 such service.”.

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