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To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend loan forgiveness for certain loans to Head Start teachers.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. VOINOVICH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend loan forgiveness for certain loans to Head Start teachers.

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. LOAN FORGIVENESS FOR HEAD START**
4 **TEACHERS.**

5 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the
6 “Loan Forgiveness for Head Start Teachers Act of 2001”.

7 (b) HEAD START TEACHERS.—Section 428J of the
8 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C 1078–10) is
9 amended—

1 (1) in subsection (b), by amending paragraph
2 (1) to read as follows:

3 “(1)(A) has been employed—

4 “(i) as a full-time teacher for 5 consecutive
5 complete school years in a school that qualifies
6 under section 465(a)(2)(A) for loan cancellation
7 for Perkins loan recipients who teach in such a
8 school; or

9 “(ii) as a Head Start teacher for 5 con-
10 secutive complete program years under the
11 Head Start Act; and

12 “(B)(i) if employed as a secondary school teach-
13 er, is teaching a subject area that is relevant to the
14 borrower’s academic major as certified by the chief
15 administrative officer of the public or nonprofit pri-
16 vate secondary school in which the borrower is em-
17 ployed;

18 “(ii) if employed as an elementary school teach-
19 er, has demonstrated, as certified by the chief ad-
20 ministrative officer of the public or nonprofit private
21 elementary school in which the borrower is em-
22 ployed, knowledge and teaching skills in reading,
23 writing, mathematics, and other areas of the elemen-
24 tary school curriculum; and

1 “(iii) if employed as a Head Start teacher, has
2 demonstrated knowledge and teaching skills in read-
3 ing, writing, early childhood development, and other
4 areas of a preschool curriculum, with a focus on cog-
5 nitive learning; and”;

6 (2) in subsection (g), by adding at the end the
7 following:

8 “(3) HEAD START.—An individual shall be eli-
9 gible for loan forgiveness under this section for serv-
10 ice described in clause (ii) of subsection (b)(1)(A)
11 only if such individual received a baccalaureate or
12 graduate degree on or after the date of enactment
13 of the Loan Forgiveness for Head Start Teachers
14 Act of 2001.”; and

15 (3) by adding at the end the following:

16 “(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
17 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be
18 necessary for fiscal year 2007 and succeeding fiscal years
19 to carry out loan repayment under this section for service
20 described in clause (ii) of subsection (b)(1)(A).”.

21 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 428J of
22 such Act (20 U.S.C. 1078–10) is amended—

23 (1) in subsection (c)(1), by inserting “or fifth
24 complete program year” after “fifth complete school
25 year of teaching”;

1 (2) in subsection (f), by striking “subsection
2 (b)” and inserting “subsection (b)(1)(A)(i)”;

3 (3) in subsection (g)(1)(A), by striking “sub-
4 section (b)(1)(A)” and inserting “subsection
5 (b)(1)(A)(i)”;

6 (4) in subsection (h), by inserting “except as
7 part of the term ‘program year’,” before “where”.

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