

105TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 127

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the exclusion for employer-provided educational assistance and to restore the exclusion for graduate level educational assistance.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 7, 1997

Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. SHAW, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. CRANE, Mr. COYNE, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. PETRI, Mr. OBERSTAR, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. McHALE, Mr. POMEROY, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. JACKSON of Illinois) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the exclusion for employer-provided educational assistance and to restore the exclusion for graduate level educational assistance.

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 “Employee Educational  
5       Assistance Act of 1997”.

1 **SEC. 2. PERMANENT EXTENSION OF EMPLOYER-PROVIDED**  
2 **EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE; RESTORATION**  
3 **OF EXCLUSION FOR GRADUATE LEVEL AS-**  
4 **SISTANCE.**

5 (a) EXCLUSION MADE PERMANENT.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 127 of the Internal  
7 Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to educational as-  
8 sistance programs) is amended by striking sub-  
9 section (d).

10 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made  
11 by paragraph (1) shall apply to taxable years begin-  
12 ning after May 31, 1997.

13 (b) RESTORATION OF EXCLUSION FOR GRADUATE  
14 LEVEL ASSISTANCE.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—The last sentence of section  
16 127(c)(1) of such Code is amended by striking all  
17 that follows “hobbies” and inserting a period.

18 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made  
19 by paragraph (1) shall apply with respect to ex-  
20 penses relating to courses beginning after June 30,  
21 1996.

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