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H. R. 1743

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BLAGOJEVICH (for himself and Mr. TIBERI) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Loan Forgiveness for
5 Head Start Teachers Act of 2001”.

6 **SEC. 2. LOAN FORGIVENESS FOR HEAD START TEACHERS.**

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

9 (1) in subsection (b), by amending paragraph

10 (1) to read as follows:

1 “(1)(A) has been employed—

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

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

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

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

23 “(iii) if employed as a Head Start teacher, has
24 demonstrated knowledge and teaching skills in read-
25 ing, writing, early childhood development, and other

1 areas of a preschool curriculum, with a focus on cog-
2 nitive learning; and”;

3 (2) in subsection (g), by adding at the end the
4 following:

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

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

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

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

20 (1) in subsection (c)(1), by inserting “or fifth
21 complete program year” after “fifth complete school
22 year of teaching”;

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

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

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

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