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To expand the teacher loan forgiveness programs under the guaranteed and direct student loan programs for teachers of mathematics and science, and for other purposes.

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Mr. GALLEGLY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

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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 “Math and Science
5 Teacher Recruitment Act of 2001”.

6 **SEC. 2. REVISION OF TEACHER LOAN FORGIVENESS PRO-**
7 **GRAMS.**

8 (a) GUARANTEED STUDENT LOANS.—Part B of title
9 IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 is amended by—

1 (1) redesignating section 428K (20 U.S.C.
2 1078–11) as section 428L; and

3 (2) by inserting after section 428J the following
4 new section:

5 **“SEC. 428K. EXPANDED LOAN FORGIVENESS FOR TEACH-**
6 **ERS.**

7 “(a) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this section to
8 expand, subject to the availability of appropriations there-
9 for, the eligibility of individuals to qualify for loan forgive-
10 ness for teachers beyond that available under section
11 428J, in order to provide additional incentives for teachers
12 of mathematics and science in middle and secondary
13 schools to enter and continue in the teaching profession.

14 “(b) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—From the sums appro-
16 priated pursuant to subsection (i), the Secretary
17 shall carry out a program, through the holder of the
18 loan, of assuming the obligation to repay a qualified
19 loan amount for a loan made under section 428 or
20 428H, in accordance with subsection (c), for any
21 borrower who—

22 “(A) is employed as a full-time teacher in
23 grades 7 through 12, inclusive, as a teacher of
24 mathematics or science, and has been so em-

1 employed for not less than 3 consecutive complete
2 school years;

3 “(B) had mathematics, life or physical
4 sciences, technology, or engineering as an un-
5 dergraduate academic major, or has a graduate
6 degree in any such field, as certified by the
7 chief administrative officer of the public or non-
8 profit private secondary school in which the
9 borrower is employed;

10 “(C) has a State certification (which may
11 include certification obtained through alter-
12 native means) or a State license to teach, and
13 has not failed to comply with State or local ac-
14 countability standards; and

15 “(D) is not in default on a loan for which
16 the borrower seeks forgiveness.

17 “(2) SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS.—The Sec-
18 retary shall by regulations, establish a formula that
19 ensures fairness and equality for applicants in the
20 selection of borrowers for loan repayment under this
21 section, based on the amount available pursuant to
22 subsection (i).

23 “(c) QUALIFIED LOANS AMOUNT.—

24 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall repay
25 not more than—

1 “(A) \$2,500 for each complete school year
 2 of teaching described in subsection (b)(1)(A)
 3 (after the third or any succeeding such year); or

4 “(B) a total of \$10,000.

5 “(2) TREATMENT OF CONSOLIDATION LOANS.—

6 A loan amount for a loan made under section 428C
 7 may be a qualified loan amount for the purposes of
 8 this subsection only to the extent that such loan
 9 amount was used to repay a Federal Direct Stafford
 10 Loan, a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan,
 11 or a loan made under section 428 or 428H for a
 12 borrower who meets the requirements of subsection
 13 (b), as determined in accordance with regulations
 14 prescribed by the Secretary.

15 “(d) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary is authorized to
 16 issue such regulations as may be necessary to carry out
 17 the provisions of this section.

18 “(e) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall
 19 be construed to authorize any refunding of any repayment
 20 of a loan.

21 “(f) ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS.—

22 “(1) CONTINUED ELIGIBILITY.—Any teacher
 23 who performs service in a school that—

24 “(A) meets the requirements of subsection
 25 (b)(1)(A) in any year during such service; and

1 “(B) in a subsequent year fails to meet the
2 requirements of such subsection,
3 may continue to teach in such school and shall be
4 eligible for loan forgiveness pursuant to subsection
5 (b).

6 “(2) PREVENTION OF DOUBLE BENEFITS.—No
7 borrower may, for the same service, receive a benefit
8 under both this section and subtitle D of title I of
9 the National and Community Service Act of 1990
10 (42 U.S.C. 12571 et seq.). No borrower may receive
11 a reduction of loan obligations under both this sec-
12 tion and section 428J, 460, or 460A.

13 “(h) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the
14 term ‘year’, where applied to service as a teacher, means
15 an academic year as defined by the Secretary.

16 “(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
17 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
18 such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 2002 and
19 each of the 5 succeeding fiscal years.”.

20 (b) DIRECT STUDENT LOANS.—Part D of title IV of
21 the Higher Education Act of 1965 is amended by inserting
22 after section 460 the following new section:

1 **“SEC. 460A. EXPANDED LOAN FORGIVENESS FOR TEACH-**
2 **ERS.**

3 “(a) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this section to
4 expand, subject to the availability of appropriations there-
5 for, the eligibility of individuals to qualify for loan forgive-
6 ness for teachers beyond that available under section 460,
7 in order to provide additional incentives for teachers of
8 mathematics and science in middle and secondary schools
9 to enter and continue in the teaching profession.

10 “(b) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—From the sums appro-
12 priated pursuant to subsection (i), the Secretary
13 shall cancel the obligation to repay a qualified loan
14 amount in accordance with subsection (c) for Fed-
15 eral Direct Stafford Loans and Federal Direct Un-
16 subsidized Stafford Loans made under this part for
17 any borrower who—

18 “(A) is employed as a full-time teacher in
19 grades 7 through 12, inclusive, as a teacher of
20 mathematics or science, and has been so em-
21 ployed for not less than 3 consecutive complete
22 school years;

23 “(B) had mathematics, life or physical
24 sciences, technology, or engineering as an un-
25 dergraduate academic major, or has a graduate
26 degree in any such field, as certified by the

1 chief administrative officer of the public or non-
 2 profit private secondary school in which the
 3 borrower is employed;

4 “(C) has a State certification (which may
 5 include certification obtained through alter-
 6 native means) or a State license to teach, and
 7 has not failed to comply with State or local ac-
 8 countability standards; and

9 “(D) is not in default on a loan for which
 10 the borrower seeks forgiveness.

11 “(2) SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS.—The Sec-
 12 retary shall by regulations, establish a formula that
 13 ensures fairness and equality for applicants in the
 14 selection of borrowers for loan repayment under this
 15 section, based on the amount available pursuant to
 16 subsection (i).

17 “(c) QUALIFIED LOANS AMOUNT.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall cancel
 19 not more than—

20 “(A) \$2,500 for each complete school year
 21 of teaching described in subsection (b)(1)(A)
 22 (after the third or any succeeding such year); or

23 “(B) a total of \$10,000.

24 “(2) TREATMENT OF CONSOLIDATION LOANS.—

25 A loan amount for a Federal Direct Consolidation

1 Loan may be a qualified loan amount for the pur-
2 poses of this subsection only to the extent that such
3 loan amount was used to repay a Federal Direct
4 Stafford Loan, a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Staf-
5 ford Loan, or a loan made under section 428 or
6 428H for a borrower who meets the requirements of
7 subsection (b), as determined in accordance with
8 regulations prescribed by the Secretary.

9 “(d) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary is authorized to
10 issue such regulations as may be necessary to carry out
11 the provisions of this section.

12 “(e) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall
13 be construed to authorize any refunding of any repayment
14 of a loan.

15 “(f) ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS.—

16 “(1) CONTINUED ELIGIBILITY.—Any teacher
17 who performs service in a school that—

18 “(A) meets the requirements of subsection
19 (b)(1)(A) in any year during such service; and

20 “(B) in a subsequent year fails to meet the
21 requirements of such subsection,

22 may continue to teach in such school and shall be
23 eligible for loan forgiveness pursuant to subsection
24 (b).

1 “(2) PREVENTION OF DOUBLE BENEFITS.—No
2 borrower may, for the same service, receive a benefit
3 under both this section and subtitle D of title I of
4 the National and Community Service Act of 1990
5 (42 U.S.C. 12571 et seq.). No borrower may receive
6 a reduction of loan obligations under both this sec-
7 tion and section 428J, 428K, or 460.

8 “(h) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the
9 term ‘year’, where applied to service as a teacher, means
10 an academic year as defined by the Secretary.

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13 such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 2002 and
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