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

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. LOAN FORGIVENESS FOR HEAD START TEACH-**
2 **ERS.**

3 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the
4 “Loan Forgiveness for Head Start Teachers Act of 2003”.

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

8 (1) in subsection (b), by striking paragraph (1)
9 and inserting the following:

10 “(1)(A) has been employed—

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

16 “(ii) as a Head Start teacher for 5 con-
17 secutive complete program years under the
18 Head Start Act; and

19 “(B)(i) if employed as a secondary school teach-
20 er, is teaching a subject area that is relevant to the
21 borrower’s academic major as certified by the chief
22 administrative officer of the public or nonprofit pri-
23 vate secondary school in which the borrower is em-
24 ployed;

25 “(ii) if employed as an elementary school teach-
26 er, has demonstrated, as certified by the chief ad-

1 ministrative officer of the public or nonprofit private
2 elementary school in which the borrower is em-
3 ployed, knowledge and teaching skills in reading,
4 writing, mathematics, and other areas of the elemen-
5 tary school curriculum; and

6 “(iii) if employed as a Head Start teacher, has
7 demonstrated knowledge and teaching skills in read-
8 ing, writing, early childhood development, and other
9 areas of a preschool curriculum, with a focus on cog-
10 nitive learning; and”;

11 (2) in subsection (g), by adding at the end the
12 following:

13 “(3) HEAD START.—An individual shall be eli-
14 gible for loan forgiveness under this section for serv-
15 ice described in clause (ii) of subsection (b)(1)(A)
16 only if such individual received a baccalaureate or
17 graduate degree on or after the date of enactment
18 of the Loan Forgiveness for Head Start Teachers
19 Act of 2003.”; and

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

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

1 (c) DIRECT STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 460 of the Higher
3 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C 1087j) is amend-
4 ed—

5 (A) in subsection (b)(1), by striking sub-
6 paragraph (A) and inserting the following:

7 “(A)(i) has been employed—

8 “(I) as a full-time teacher for 5 con-
9 secutive complete school years in a school
10 that qualifies under section 465(a)(2)(A)
11 for loan cancellation for Perkins loan re-
12 cipients who teach in such a school; or

13 “(II) as a Head Start teacher for 5
14 consecutive complete program years under
15 the Head Start Act; and

16 “(ii)(I) if employed as a secondary school
17 teacher, is teaching a subject area that is rel-
18 evant to the borrower’s academic major as cer-
19 tified by the chief administrative officer of the
20 public or nonprofit private secondary school in
21 which the borrower is employed;

22 “(II) if employed as an elementary school
23 teacher, has demonstrated, as certified by the
24 chief administrative officer of the public or non-
25 profit private elementary school in which the

borrower is employed, knowledge and teaching skills in reading, writing, mathematics, and other areas of the elementary school curriculum; and

“(III) if employed as a Head Start teacher, has demonstrated knowledge and teaching skills in reading, writing, early childhood development, and other areas of a preschool curriculum, with a focus on cognitive learning; and”;

(B) in subsection (g), by adding at the end the following:

“(3) HEAD START.—An individual shall be eligible for loan forgiveness under this section for service described in subclause (II) of subsection (b)(1)(A)(i) only if such individual received a baccalaureate or graduate degree on or after the date of enactment of the Loan Forgiveness for Head Start Teachers Act of 2003.”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

“(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 2007 and succeeding fiscal years to carry out loan repayment under

1 this section for service described in sub-
 2 clause (II) of subsection (b)(1)(A)(i).”.

3 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 460
 4 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
 5 1087j) is amended—

6 (A) in subsection (c)(1), by inserting “or
 7 fifth complete program year” after “fifth com-
 8 plete school year of teaching”;

9 (B) in subsection (f), by striking “sub-
 10 section (b)” and inserting “subsection
 11 (b)(1)(A)(i)(I)”;

12 (C) in subsection (g)(1)(A), by striking
 13 “subsection (b)(1)(A)” and inserting “sub-
 14 section (b)(1)(A)(i)(I)”;

15 (D) in subsection (h), by inserting “except
 16 as part of the term ‘program year,’” before
 17 “where”.

18 (d) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 428J of
 19 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1078–10)
 20 is amended—

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

24 (2) in subsection (f), by striking “subsection
 25 (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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