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H. R. 2674

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for student loan forgiveness to encourage individuals to become and remain librarians in low income areas.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

A BILL

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide for student loan forgiveness to encourage individuals to become and remain librarians in low income areas.

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 “Librarian Education
5 and Development Act of 2003”.

6 **SEC. 2. LOAN FORGIVENESS FOR LIBRARIANS.**

7 (a) FFEL LOANS.—

8 (1) AMENDMENT.—Section 428J(b) of the
9 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C 1078–

1 10(b)) is amended by striking paragraph (1) and in-
2 serting the following:

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 full-time librarian for 5 consecu-
10 tive complete school years in—

11 “(I) a public library that serves a geo-
12 graphic area within which the public
13 schools have a combined average of 30 per-
14 cent or more of their total student enroll-
15 ments composed of children counted under
16 section 1113(a)(5) of the Elementary and
17 Secondary Education Act of 1965; or

18 “(II) a school that qualifies under sec-
19 tion 465(a)(2)(A) for loan cancellation for
20 Perkins loan recipients who teach in such
21 a school; and

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

1 vate secondary school in which the borrower is em-
 2 ployed; and

3 “(ii) if employed as an elementary school teach-
 4 er, has demonstrated, as certified by the chief ad-
 5 ministrative officer of the public or nonprofit private
 6 elementary school in which the borrower is em-
 7 ployed, knowledge and teaching skills in reading,
 8 writing, mathematics, and other areas of the elemen-
 9 tary school curriculum; and”.

10 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 428J
 11 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
 12 1078–10) is amended—

13 (A) in subsection (f), by striking “sub-
 14 section (b)” and inserting “subsection
 15 (b)(1)(A)(i)”; and

16 (B) in subsection (g)(1)(A), by striking
 17 “subsection (b)(1)(A)” and inserting “sub-
 18 section (b)(1)(A)(i)”.

19 (b) DIRECT STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS.—

20 (1) AMENDMENT.—Section 460(b)(1) of the
 21 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C 1087j) is
 22 amended by striking subparagraph (A) and inserting
 23 the following:

24 “(A)(i) has been employed—

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

6 “(II) as a full-time librarian for 5
7 consecutive complete school years in—

8 “(aa) a public library that serves
9 a geographic area within which the
10 public schools have a combined aver-
11 age of 30 percent or more of their
12 total student enrollments composed of
13 children counted under section
14 1113(a)(5) of the Elementary and
15 Secondary Education Act of 1965; or

16 “(bb) a school that qualifies
17 under section 465(a)(2)(A) for loan
18 cancellation for Perkins loan recipi-
19 ents who teach in such a school; and

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

1 “(II) if employed as an elementary school
2 teacher, has demonstrated, as certified by the
3 chief administrative officer of the public or non-
4 profit private elementary school in which the
5 borrower is employed, knowledge and teaching
6 skills in reading, writing, mathematics, and
7 other areas of the elementary school cur-
8 riculum; and”.

9 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 460
10 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
11 1087j) is amended—

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

15 (B) in subsection (g)(1)(A), by striking
16 “subsection (b)(1)(A)” and inserting “sub-
17 section (b)(1)(A)(i)(I)”.

18 (c) PERKINS LOANS.—Section 465(a) of the Higher
19 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087ee(a)) is amend-
20 ed—

21 (1) in paragraph (2)—

22 (A) by striking “section 111(c)” in sub-
23 paragraph (A) and inserting “section
24 1113(a)(5)”;

1 (B) by striking “or” at the end of subpara-
2 graph (H);

3 (C) by striking the period at the end of
4 subparagraph (I) and inserting “; or”; and

5 (D) by inserting after subparagraph (I) the
6 following new subparagraph:

7 “(J) as a full-time librarian in—

8 “(i) a public library that serves a geo-
9 graphic area within which the public schools
10 have a combined average of 30 percent or more
11 of their total student enrollments composed of
12 children counted under section 1113(a)(5) of
13 the Elementary and Secondary Education Act
14 of 1965; or

15 “(ii) an elementary or secondary school
16 which is in the school district of a local edu-
17 cational agency which is eligible in such year
18 for assistance pursuant to title I of the Elemen-
19 tary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, and
20 which for the purpose of this paragraph and for
21 that year has been determined by the Secretary
22 (pursuant to regulations and after consultation
23 with the State educational agency of the State
24 in which the school is located) to be a school in
25 which the enrollment of children counted under

1 section 1113(a)(5) of the Elementary and Sec-
2 ondary Education Act of 1965 exceeds 30 per-
3 cent of the total enrollment of that school.”;
4 and

5 (2) in paragraph (3)(A)(i), by striking out
6 “(H), or (I)” and inserting “(H), (I), or (J)”.

7 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

8 The amendments made by section 1 shall apply with
9 respect to any year of service that is completed after the
10 date of enactment of this Act.

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