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# H. R. 613

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit for elementary and secondary school teachers.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 5, 2003

Mr. PAUL (for himself, Mr. BACHUS, and Mr. RYUN of Kansas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## 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 “Teacher Tax Cut Act  
5       of 2003”.

6       **SEC. 2. CREDIT FOR TEACHERS OF ELEMENTARY OR SEC-**  
7       **ONDARY SCHOOLS.**

8       (a) IN GENERAL.—Subpart A of part IV of sub-  
9       chapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of  
10       1986 (relating to nonrefundable personal credits) is

1 amended by inserting after section 25B the following new  
 2 section:

3 **“SEC. 25C. ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACH-**  
 4 **ERS.**

5 “(a) ALLOWANCE OF CREDIT.—In the case of an eli-  
 6 gible individual, there shall be allowed as a credit against  
 7 the tax imposed by this chapter for a taxable year an  
 8 amount equal to \$1,000.

9 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—

10 “(1) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in  
 12 subparagraph (B), for purposes of subsection  
 13 (a), the term ‘eligible individual’ means an indi-  
 14 vidual who—

15 “(i) is a teacher in an elementary or  
 16 secondary school, and

17 “(ii) is employed on a full-time basis  
 18 for an academic year ending during the  
 19 taxable year.

20 “(B) EXCLUDED INDIVIDUALS.—Such  
 21 term does not include an individual who is em-  
 22 ployed, on a full-time basis for such academic  
 23 year, as other staff, as that term is defined in  
 24 section 14101(20) of the Elementary and Sec-

1           ondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
2           8801(20)).

3           “(2) ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL.—

4           The term ‘elementary or secondary school’ means  
5           any school which provides elementary education or  
6           secondary education (through grade 12), as deter-  
7           mined under State law.

8           “(c) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall prescribe  
9           regulations to carry out this section, including regulations  
10          providing for claiming the credit under this section on  
11          Form 1040EZ.”

12          (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
13          for subpart A of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1  
14          of such Code is amended by inserting after the item relat-  
15          ing to section 25B the following new item:

                  “Sec. 25C. Elementary and secondary school teachers.”.

16          (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
17          this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after  
18          December 31, 2002.

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