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H. R. 647

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 5, 2003

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina 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 “Canceling Loans to
5 Allow School Systems to Attract Classroom Teachers
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONAL QUALIFIED LOAN AMOUNTS FOR STU-**
2 **DENT LOAN FORGIVENESS AND LOAN CAN-**
3 **CELLATION.**

4 (a) FFEL LOANS.—Section 428J of the Higher Edu-
5 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1078–10) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (c)—

7 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “\$5,000”
8 and inserting “\$17,500”; and

9 (B) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(3) PRIORITY.—The Secretary shall repay the
11 loan obligations for elementary school or secondary
12 school teachers who meet the requirements of sub-
13 section (b) on a first-come first-served basis, subject
14 to the availability of appropriations, but shall give
15 priority in providing loan repayment under this
16 paragraph for a fiscal year to teachers who—

17 “(A)(i) are employed as special education
18 teachers whose primary responsibility is to
19 teach or support children with disabilities (as
20 defined in section 602 of the Individuals with
21 Disabilities Act); and

22 “(ii) as certified by the chief administrative
23 officer of the public or nonprofit private elemen-
24 tary school or secondary school in which the
25 borrower is employed, are teaching children
26 with disabilities (as defined in section 602 of

the Individuals with Disabilities Act) that correspond with the borrower's training and have demonstrated knowledge and teaching skills in the content areas of the elementary school or secondary school curriculum that the borrower is teaching; or

“(B) are employed as teachers of mathematics or science in local educational agencies that are determined by a State educational agency under section 2141 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to have failed to make progress toward meeting the annual measurable objectives described in section 1119(a)(2) of such Act for 2 consecutive years.”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 2003 and each of the 4 succeeding fiscal years.”.

(b) DIRECT LOANS.—Section 460 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087j) is amended—

(1) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking “\$5,000” and inserting “\$17,500”; and

1 (B) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(3) PRIORITY.—The Secretary shall cancel
3 loan obligations under this section for elementary
4 school or secondary school teachers who meet the re-
5 quirements of subsection (b) on a first-come first-
6 served basis, subject to the availability of appropria-
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