

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 826

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the tax incentives
for higher education.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 13, 2003

Ms. LOFGREN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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the tax incentives for higher education.

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 “Affordable College
5 Education Act of 2003”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEDUCTION FOR ALL HIGHER EDUCATION EX-**
7 **PENSES FOR ALL TAXPAYERS.**

8 (a) DEDUCTION FOR ALL HIGHER EDUCATION EX-
9 PENSES.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 222 of the Internal
 2 Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to deduction for
 3 qualified tuition and related expenses) is amended
 4 by striking “qualified tuition and related expenses”
 5 each place it appears and inserting “qualified higher
 6 education expenses”.

7 (2) QUALIFIED HIGHER EDUCATION EX-
 8 PENSES.—Paragraph (1) of section 222(d) of such
 9 Code is amended to read as follows:

10 “(1) QUALIFIED HIGHER EDUCATION EX-
 11 PENSES.—The term ‘qualified higher education ex-
 12 penses’ has the meaning given to such term by sec-
 13 tion 221(d)(2).”

14 (b) REPEAL OF DOLLAR LIMITATION AND LIMITA-
 15 TION BASED ON ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME.—Section 222
 16 of such Code is amended by striking subsection (b) and
 17 by redesignating subsections (c) and (d) as subsections (b)
 18 and (c), respectively.

19 (c) REPEAL OF TERMINATION.—Section 222 of such
 20 Code is amended by striking subsection (e).

21 (d) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

22 (1) The item relating to section 222 in the table
 23 of sections for part VII of subchapter B of chapter
 24 1 of such Code is amended by striking “Qualified

1 tuition and related expenses” and inserting “Quali-
 2 fied higher education expenses”.

3 (2) Subsection (c) of section 222 of such Code
 4 (as redesignated by subsection (b)) is amended by
 5 striking paragraph (4) and by redesignating para-
 6 graphs (5) and (6) as paragraphs (4) and (5), re-
 7 spectively.

8 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 9 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
 10 December 31, 2002.

11 **SEC. 3. DEDUCTION FOR ALL EDUCATION LOAN INTEREST**
 12 **FOR ALL TAXPAYERS.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 221 of the Internal Rev-
 14 enue Code of 1986 is amended by striking subsections (b)
 15 and (f) and by redesignating subsections (c), (d), and (e)
 16 as subsections (b), (c), and (d), respectively.

17 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subsection (d) of
 18 section 221 of such Code, as so redesignated, is amended
 19 to read as follows:

20 “(d) DENIAL OF DOUBLE BENEFIT.—No deduction
 21 shall be allowed under this section for any amount for
 22 which a deduction is allowable under any other provision
 23 of this chapter.”

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

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