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To provide relief to students, schools, and student borrowers affected by
natural disaster.

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Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California (for himself, Mr. KILDEE, Mrs. MCCARTHY, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. HOLT, Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota, Mr. BARROW, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. DAVIS of Florida, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. MOORE of Kansas, Ms. LEE, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. HIGGINS, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. PALLONE, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. BISHOP of New York, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. NADLER, Mr. HOYER, and Mr. MENENDEZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

To provide relief to students, schools, and student borrowers
affected by natural disaster.

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 “Katrina College Stu-
5 dent Relief Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. WAIVERS OF STUDENT GRANT REPAYMENT BY STU-**
2 **DENTS AFFECTED BY DISASTERS.**

3 Section 484B(b)(2) of the Higher Education Act of
4 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1091b(b)(2)) is amended by adding at
5 the end the following new subparagraph:

6 “(D) WAIVERS OF STUDENT GRANT RE-
7 PAYMENT BY STUDENTS AFFECTED BY DISAS-
8 TERS.—The Secretary may waive the amounts
9 that students are required to return under this
10 section with respect to grant assistance under
11 this title if the withdrawals on which the re-
12 turns are based are withdrawals by students—

13 “(i) who were residing in, employed
14 in, or attending an institution of higher
15 education that is located in, or were de-
16 pendent students whose parent or parents
17 were residing or employed in, an area in
18 which the President has declared that a
19 major disaster exists, in accordance with
20 section 401 of the Robert T. Stafford Dis-
21 aster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act
22 (42 U.S.C. 5170);

23 “(ii) whose attendance was inter-
24 rupted because of the impact of the dis-
25 aster on the student or the institution; and

1 “(iii) whose withdrawal ended within
2 the academic year during which the des-
3 ignation occurred or during the next suc-
4 ceeding academic year.”.

5 **SEC. 3. STUDENT LOAN DEFERMENT.**

6 (a) **GUARANTEED LOANS.**—Section 428(b)(1)(M) of
7 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
8 1078(b)(1)(M)) is amended—

9 (1) by striking “or” at the end of clause (ii);

10 (2) by inserting “or” after the semicolon at the
11 end of clause (iii); and

12 (3) by adding after clause (iii) the following
13 new clause:

14 “(iv) not in excess of 6 months in the
15 case of a borrower—

16 “(I) who was attending an insti-
17 tution of higher education that is lo-
18 cated in, or was employed or residing
19 in, an area in which the President has
20 declared that a major disaster exists,
21 in accordance with section 401 of the
22 Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief
23 and Emergency Assistance Act (42
24 U.S.C. 5170); and

1 “(II) whose attendance, employ-
2 ment, or residence was interrupted be-
3 cause of the impact of the disaster;”.

4 (b) DIRECT LOANS.—Section 455(f)(2) of such Act
5 (20 U.S.C. 1087e(f)(2)) is amended—

6 (1) by striking the period at the end of sub-
7 paragraph (C) and inserting “; or”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
9 paragraph:

10 “(D) not in excess of 6 months in the case
11 of a borrower—

12 “(i) who was attending an institution
13 of higher education that is located in, or
14 was employed or residing in, an area in
15 which the President has declared that a
16 major disaster exists, in accordance with
17 section 401 of the Robert T. Stafford Dis-
18 aster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act
19 (42 U.S.C. 5170); and

20 “(ii) whose attendance, employment,
21 or residence was interrupted because of the
22 impact of the disaster;”.

23 (c) PERKINS LOANS.—Section 464(c)(2)(A) of such
24 Act (20 U.S.C. 1087dd(c)(2)(A)) is amended—

25 (1) by striking “or” at the end of clause (iii);

1 (2) by inserting “or” after the semicolon at the
2 end of clause (iv); and

3 (3) by inserting after clause (iv) the following
4 new clause:

5 “(v) not in excess of 6 months in the case of
6 a borrower—

7 “(I) who was attending an institution of
8 higher education that is located in, or was em-
9 ployed or residing in, an area in which the
10 President has declared that a major disaster ex-
11 ists, in accordance with section 401 of the Rob-
12 ert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency
13 Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170); and

14 “(II) whose attendance, employment, or
15 residence was interrupted because of the impact
16 of the disaster;”.

17 **SEC. 4. EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION.**

18 Section 474 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
19 U.S.C. 1087nn) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
20 lowing new subsection:

21 “(c) **RECALCULATION OF EFC FOR STUDENTS AF-**
22 **FFECTED BY DISASTERS.**—The Secretary shall provide for
23 the recalculation of expected family contribution for the
24 current academic year, when possible, and for the ensuing
25 academic year, for any student—

1 “(1) who resides in, is employed in, or is at-
2 tending an institution of higher education that is lo-
3 cated in, or is a dependent student whose parent or
4 parents reside or are employed in, an area in which
5 the President has declared that a major disaster ex-
6 ists, in accordance with section 401 of the Robert T.
7 Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance
8 Act (42 U.S.C. 5170); and
9 “(2) whose income or assets, or whose family
10 income or assets, are affected by such disaster.”.

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