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# H. R. 5098

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 5, 2006

Mr. MEEHAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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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 “College Debt Allevi-  
5       ation Act of 2006”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEDUCTION FOR QUALIFIED TUITION AND RE-**  
2 **LATED EXPENSES.**

3 (a) EXTENSION.—Subsection (e) of section 222 of  
4 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to termi-  
5 nation) is amended by striking “December 31, 2005” and  
6 inserting “December 31, 2010”.

7 (b) INCREASE IN AMOUNT ALLOWED AS DEDUC-  
8 TION.—Subsection (b) of section 222 of such Code (relat-  
9 ing to dollar limitations) is amended to read as follows:

10 “(b) DOLLAR LIMITATIONS.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The amount allowed as a  
12 deduction under subsection (a) with respect to the  
13 taxpayer for any taxable year shall not exceed the  
14 applicable dollar limit.

15 “(2) APPLICABLE DOLLAR LIMIT.—The applica-  
16 ble dollar amount shall be equal to—

17 “(A) in the case of a taxpayer whose ad-  
18 justed gross income for the taxable year does  
19 not exceed \$80,000 (\$160,000 in the case of a  
20 joint return), \$8,000, and

21 “(B) in the case of any other taxpayer,  
22 zero.

23 “(3) ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME.—For purposes  
24 of paragraph (2), adjusted gross income shall be de-  
25 termined—

1 “(A) without regard to this section and  
 2 sections 199, 911, 931, and 933, and

3 “(B) after application of sections 86, 135,  
 4 137, 219, 221, and 469.”.

5 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
 6 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after  
 7 December 31, 2005.

8 **SEC. 3. REDUCTION OF STUDENT LOAN INTEREST RATES.**

9 (a) FFEEL LOANS.—Section 427A(*l*) of the Higher  
 10 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1077a(*l*)) is amended—

11 (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “8.5 percent”  
 12 and inserting “6.8 percent”; and

13 (2) in paragraph (3)(B), by striking “8.25 per-  
 14 cent” and inserting “6.8 percent”.

15 (b) DIRECT LOANS.—Section 455(b)(7) of such Act  
 16 (20 U.S.C. 1087e(b)(7)) is amended—

17 (1) in subparagraph (B), by striking “7.9 per-  
 18 cent” and inserting “6.8 percent”; and

19 (2) in subparagraph (C)(ii), by striking “8.25  
 20 percent” and inserting “6.8 percent”.

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