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H. R. 2403

To provide loan forgiveness to teachers of integrated career and technical education coursework at rural secondary schools.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 14, 2009

Mr. WILSON of Ohio introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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 “Rural Career and
5 Technical Education Expansion Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. LOAN FORGIVENESS FOR TEACHING CAREER AND**
2 **TECHNICAL EDUCATION COURSEWORK AT**
3 **RURAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS.**

4 (a) FFEL PROGRAM.—Section 428J of the Higher
5 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1078–10) is amend-
6 ed—

7 (1) in subsection (c)(3)—

8 (A) in the header, by striking “SCIENCE,
9 OR SPECIAL EDUCATION” and inserting
10 “SCIENCE, SPECIAL EDUCATION, OR CAREER
11 AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION COURSEWORK AT
12 RURAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS”;

13 (B) in subparagraph (A)(ii), by striking
14 “and” after the semicolon;

15 (C) in subparagraph (B)(iii), by striking
16 the period at the end and inserting “; and”;
17 and

18 (D) by adding at the end the following new
19 subparagraph:

20 “(C) a teacher at a rural secondary
21 school—

22 “(i) who meets the requirements of
23 subsection (b); and

24 “(ii) whose qualifying employment for
25 purposes of such subsection is teaching ca-
26 reer and technical education coursework on

1 a full-time basis, including at least one
2 course or credit that is integrated
3 coursework.”; and

4 (2) by amending subsection (h) to read as fol-
5 lows:

6 “(h) DEFINITIONS.—For the purpose of this section:

7 “(1) CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION.—

8 The term ‘career and technical education’ means or-
9 ganized educational activities that—

10 “(A) offer a sequence of courses that—

11 “(i) provides individuals with coherent
12 and rigorous content aligned with chal-
13 lenging academic standards and relevant
14 technical knowledge and skills needed to
15 prepare for further education and careers
16 in current or emerging professions;

17 “(ii) provides a secondary school di-
18 ploma or its recognized equivalent; and

19 “(iii) may include prerequisite courses
20 (other than a remedial course) that meet
21 the requirements of this subparagraph;
22 and

23 “(B) include competency-based applied
24 learning that contributes to the academic
25 knowledge, higher-order reasoning and problem-

1 solving skills, work attitudes, general employ-
2 ability skills, technical skills, and occupation-
3 specific skills, and knowledge of all aspects of
4 an industry, including entrepreneurship, of an
5 individual.

6 “(2) INTEGRATED COURSEWORK.—The term
7 ‘integrated coursework’ means career and technical
8 education coursework that—

9 “(A) integrates academic curricula and rel-
10 evant career and technical education programs;
11 and

12 “(B) counts for both academic and elective
13 career and technical education credit toward a
14 secondary school diploma or its recognized
15 equivalent.

16 “(3) RURAL LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY.—
17 The term ‘rural local educational agency’ means a
18 local educational agency that meets the eligibility re-
19 quirements under—

20 “(A) section 6211(b) of the Elementary
21 and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20
22 U.S.C. 7345(b)) for participation in the pro-
23 gram described in subpart 1 of part B of title
24 VI of such Act (20 U.S.C. 7345 et seq.); or

1 “(B) section 6221(b) of the Elementary
 2 and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20
 3 U.S.C. 7351(b)) for participation in the pro-
 4 gram described in subpart 2 of part B of title
 5 VI of such Act (20 U.S.C. 7351 et seq.).

6 “(4) RURAL SECONDARY SCHOOL.—The term
 7 ‘rural secondary school’ means a secondary school
 8 served by a rural local educational agency.

9 “(5) YEAR.—The term ‘year’ where applied to
 10 service as a teacher means an academic year as de-
 11 fined by the Secretary.”.

12 (b) DIRECT LOAN PROGRAM.—Section 460 of the
 13 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087j) is
 14 amended—

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