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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 6, 2014

Mr. SALMON (for himself, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. GARCIA, Mr. GUTHRIE, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. MURPHY of Florida, and Mr. ENGEL) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. REQUIRED VERIFICATION.**

2 Section 428C of the Higher Education Act of 1965
3 (20 U.S.C. 1078–3) is amended—

4 (1) in subsection (a)(3)(B)(i)(V)(aa), by insert-
5 ing before the period at the end the following: “in
6 a case in which the Secretary verifies that the indi-
7 vidual is currently eligible for income contingent re-
8 payment or income-based repayment and that the
9 loan(s) in question have been submitted to the guar-
10 anty agency for default aversion or if the loan is al-
11 ready in default”;

12 (2) in subsection (a)(3)(B)(i)(V)(bb), by insert-
13 ing before the period at the end the following: “in
14 a case in which the Secretary verifies with docu-
15 mentation that the individual is, at the time of the
16 application, employed in a public service job, as that
17 term is defined in section 455(m)(3)”;

18 (3) in subsection (a)(3)(B)(i)(V)(cc), by insert-
19 ing before the period at the end the following: “in
20 a case in which the Secretary verifies that the indi-
21 vidual is a member of a regular or reserve compo-
22 nent of the Armed Forces by contacting the Sec-
23 retary of the military department or the Secretary of
24 Homeland Security, as the case may be, having ju-
25 risdiction over the Armed Force in which the indi-
26 vidual claims to be a member”; and

1 (4) in subsection (b)(5), by inserting after the
2 second sentence the following: “In addition, the Sec-
3 retary shall not offer any loans offered under this
4 paragraph unless the Secretary has received
5 verification described in subsection (a)(3)(B)(i)(V)
6 (aa)–(cc), as applicable.”.

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