

113TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 5275

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to increase the amount of loan forgiveness for which teachers in teacher shortage areas are eligible.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 30, 2014

Mr. COHEN (for himself, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, and Mr. ELLISON) 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Maximizing Opportuni-
5 ties and Retaining Experienced Teachers Act” or the
6 “MORE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. LOAN FORGIVENESS FOR TEACHERS IN TEACHER**
 2 **SHORTAGE AREAS.**

3 (a) FFEL LOANS.—Section 428J of the Higher Edu-
 4 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1078–10) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (c), by adding at the end the
 6 following:

7 “(4) ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS FOR TEACHERS IN
 8 TEACHER SHORTAGE AREAS.—Notwithstanding the
 9 amount specified in paragraph (1), the aggregate
 10 amount that the Secretary shall repay under this
 11 section shall be not more than \$17,500 in the case
 12 of an elementary school or secondary school teacher
 13 who meets the requirements of subsection (b), except
 14 that in lieu of being employed in a school or location
 15 described in paragraph (1)(A) of subsection (b), the
 16 teacher has been employed in a teacher shortage
 17 area (as defined in section 682.210(q)(5) of title 34,
 18 Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect on the
 19 date of enactment of the Maximizing Opportunities
 20 and Retaining Experienced Teachers Act)).”; and

21 (2) in subsection (g)(1)(A), by inserting “or
 22 subsection (c)(4)” after “subsection (b)(1)(A)”.

23 (b) FEDERAL DIRECT LOANS.—Section 460 of the
 24 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087j) is
 25 amended—

1 (1) in subsection (c), by adding at the end the
2 following:

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4 TEACHER SHORTAGE AREAS.—Notwithstanding the
5 amount specified in paragraph (1), the aggregate
6 amount that the Secretary shall repay under this
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