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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 4, 2015

Mr. SALMON (for himself, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. GUTHRIE, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. PAYNE, and Mr. WALBERG) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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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. REQUIRED VERIFICATION.**

4 Section 428C of the Higher Education Act of 1965
5 (20 U.S.C. 1078–3) is amended—

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

9 (2) in subsection (a)(3)(B)(i)(V)(bb), by insert-
10 ing before the semicolon the following: “in a case in
11 which the Secretary verifies with documentation that
12 the individual is, at the time of the application, em-
13 ployed in a public service job, as that term is defined
14 in section 455(m)(3)”;

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

24 (4) in subsection (b)(5), by inserting after the
25 second sentence the following: “In addition, the Sec-

1 retary shall not offer any loans offered under this
2 paragraph unless the Secretary has received
3 verification described in subsection (a)(3)(B)(i)(V)
4 (aa)–(cc), as applicable.”.

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