

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3684

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 6, 2015

Mr. CHABOT (for himself, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. RUSSELL, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, and Ms. SEWELL of Alabama) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Preserving Teacher
3 Loan Forgiveness for Military Spouses Act of 2015”.

4 **SEC. 2. CONTINUING ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN STU-**
5 **DENT LOAN CANCELLATION PROGRAM FOR**
6 **TEACHERS WHOSE PERIOD OF CONSECUTIVE**
7 **EMPLOYMENT IS INTERRUPTED BECAUSE OF**
8 **MILITARY ORDERS REQUIRING SPOUSE TO**
9 **RELOCATE TO NEW RESIDENCE.**

10 (a) CONTINUING ELIGIBILITY.—Section 460(g) of
11 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
12 1087j(g)(4)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
13 lowing new paragraph:

14 “(4) CONTINUING ELIGIBILITY FOR CERTAIN
15 MILITARY SPOUSES.—

16 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding para-
17 graph (1) of subsection (b), an individual who
18 is employed as a full-time teacher for 5 com-
19 plete years which are not consecutive years may
20 be eligible for loan cancellation pursuant to
21 such subsection if the individual was a qualified
22 military spouse with respect to any year during
23 which the individual was not employed as a full-
24 time teacher.

25 “(B) QUALIFIED MILITARY SPOUSE DE-
26 FINED.—In this paragraph, the term ‘qualified

1 military spouse’ means, with respect to a year,
2 an individual who—

3 “(i) during the previous year, served
4 as a teacher in a school or location meeting
5 the requirements of subparagraph (A) of
6 subsection (b)(1) and met the require-
7 ments of subparagraph (B) of subsection
8 (b)(1);

9 “(ii) is the spouse of a member of the
10 Armed Forces who is relocated during the
11 year pursuant to military orders for a per-
12 manent change of duty station;

13 “(iii) did not serve as a teacher in a
14 school or location meeting the require-
15 ments of subparagraph (A) of subsection
16 (b)(1) during the year or any portion of
17 the year because the individual accom-
18 panied the spouse to a new residence as a
19 result of such military orders; and

20 “(iv) during the following year, re-
21 sumed service as a teacher in a school or
22 location meeting the requirements of sub-
23 paragraph (A) of subsection (b)(1) and
24 met the requirements of subparagraph (B)
25 of subsection (b)(1).

1 “(C) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later
2 than 90 days after the end of the second aca-
3 demic year during which this paragraph is in
4 effect, and every 2 years thereafter, the Sec-
5 retary shall submit to Congress a report de-
6 scribing the number of individuals who, as a re-
7 sult of this paragraph, remained eligible for
8 loan cancellation pursuant to subsection (b)
9 during the 2 most recent academic years.”.

10 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
11 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to individuals who
12 first become employed as full-time teachers on or after the
13 date of the enactment of this Act.

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