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H. R. 5381

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit for certain expenses relating to applying to college.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ISRAEL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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 “College Preparation
5 Tax Credit Act of 2016”.

6 **SEC. 2. TAX CREDIT FOR COLLEGE PREPARATION EX-**
7 **PENSES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subpart A of part IV of sub-
9 chapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of

1 1986 is amended by inserting after section 25D the fol-
 2 lowing new section:

3 **“SEC. 25E. CREDIT FOR COLLEGE PREPARATION EX-**
 4 **PENSES.**

5 “(a) ALLOWANCE OF CREDIT.—In the case of an in-
 6 dividual, there shall be allowed as a credit against the tax
 7 imposed by this chapter for such taxable year an amount
 8 equal to so much of the qualified college preparation ex-
 9 penses paid or incurred by the taxpayer during such tax-
 10 able year as does not exceed \$500.

11 “(b) QUALIFIED COLLEGE PREPARATION EX-
 12 PENSES.—For purposes of this section, the term ‘qualified
 13 college preparation expenses’ means amounts paid or in-
 14 curred for—

15 “(1) fees required for taking any Advanced
 16 Placement or International Baccalaureate exam,

17 “(2) fees required for taking the SAT, the
 18 ACT, or any SAT Subject Test,

19 “(3) expenses related to preparation (including
 20 tutorial services and preparation classes) for any
 21 exam described in paragraph (1) or (2),

22 “(4) fees and expenses related to applications
 23 for admission to pursue a postsecondary course of
 24 study at an eligible educational institution (as de-
 25 fined in section 25A(f)(2)), and

1 “(5) such other similar expenses and fees as the
2 Secretary may by regulation prescribe.

3 “(c) ELECTION.—No credit shall be allowed under
4 subsection (a) with respect to any expenses paid or in-
5 curred during the taxable year with respect to any indi-
6 vidual for whom an election is not in effect under this sec-
7 tion for such taxable year.

8 “(d) CREDIT ALLOWED ONLY FOR 3 TAXABLE
9 YEARS.—An election under this section with respect to
10 any individual may not be made for any taxable year if
11 such an election is in effect with respect to such individual
12 for any 3 prior taxable years.

13 “(e) TREATMENT OF EXPENSES PAID BY DEPEND-
14 ENT.—If a deduction under section 151 with respect to
15 an individual is allowed to another taxpayer for a taxable
16 year beginning in the calendar year in which such individ-
17 ual’s taxable year begins—

18 “(1) no credit shall be allowed under subsection
19 (a) to such individual for such individual’s taxable
20 year, and

21 “(2) qualified college preparation expenses paid
22 by such individual during such individual’s taxable
23 year shall be treated for purposes of this section as
24 paid by such other taxpayer.”.

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
2 for subpart A of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1
3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by in-
4 serting after the item relating to section 25D the following
5 new item:

“Sec. 25E. Credit for college preparation expenses.”.

6 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
7 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
8 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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