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H. R. 5371

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide student loan eligibility for mid-career, part-time students, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 21, 2018

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico 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 “Education for Jobs
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. STUDENT LOAN ELIGIBILITY FOR MID-CAREER**
7 **PART-TIME STUDENTS.**

8 (a) STUDENT ELIGIBILITY.—Section 484(b) of the
9 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1091) is
10 amended—

1 (1) by redesignating paragraph (5) as para-
2 graph (6); and

3 (2) by inserting after paragraph (4) the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(5) A student who—

6 “(A) is carrying at least 3 credit hours or the
7 equivalent coursework for the course of study that
8 the student is pursuing, as determined by the eligi-
9 ble institution,

10 “(B) is enrolled in a course of study necessary
11 for enrollment in a program leading to a degree or
12 certificate, and

13 “(C) was employed on a full-time basis for not
14 less than 10 years,

15 shall be, notwithstanding paragraph (1) of subsection (a),
16 eligible to apply for loans under part D of this title.”.

17 (b) ANNUAL AND AGGREGATE LOAN LIMITS.—Sec-
18 tion 428(b)(1)(A) of the Higher Education Act of 1965
19 (20 U.S.C. 1078(b)(1)(A)) is amended by inserting “or
20 meets the requirements of section 484(b)(5)” after “insti-
21 tution)”.

22 (c) REPAYMENT PERIOD.—

23 (1) STAFFORD LOANS.—Section 428(b)(7)(A)
24 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
25 1078(b)(7)(A)) is amended by inserting before the

1 period at the end the following: “or, in the case of
2 a student described in section 484(b)(5), the day
3 after 6 months after the date such student ceases to
4 meet the requirements of such section”.

5 (2) PLUS LOANS.—Section 428B(d)(1)(B)(ii)
6 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
7 1078–2(d)(1)(B)(ii)) is amended by inserting before
8 the period at the end the following: “or, in the case
9 of a graduate or professional student borrower de-
10 scribed in section 484(b)(5), during the 6-month pe-
11 riod beginning on the day after the date such stu-
12 dent ceases to meet the requirements of such sec-
13 tion”.

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