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H. R. 4517

To direct the Secretary of Education to carry out an apprenticeship loan forgiveness program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 26, 2019

Mr. CICILLINE (for himself, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. PAPPAS, and Mr. CUELLAR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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 “Promoting Apprentices-

5 ships in Public Service Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. APPRENTICESHIP LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM.**

7 Part G of title IV of the Higher Education Act of

8 1965 is amended by adding at the end the following:

1 **“SEC. 493E. APPRENTICESHIP LOAN FORGIVENESS PRO-**
 2 **GRAM.**

3 “(a) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—Not later than 30
 4 days after applying for the loan forgiveness under this sec-
 5 tion, the Secretary shall repay or cancel the qualifying
 6 loan amount described in subsection (b) of any borrower
 7 who—

8 “(1) receives a certificate from a registered ap-
 9 prenticeship program; and

10 “(2) completes 2 years of full-time employment
 11 at a qualifying public service job.

12 “(b) QUALIFYING LOAN AMOUNT.—The qualifying
 13 loan amount described in this subsection is, with respect
 14 to the loan obligations of a borrower on all loans made
 15 under part B or D, the lesser of the following:

16 “(1) The amount due on such loans on the date
 17 of such repayment or cancellation.

18 “(2) \$25,000.

19 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 “(1) APPRENTICESHIP.—The term ‘apprentice-
 21 ship’ means an apprenticeship registered under the
 22 Act of August 16, 1937 (commonly known as the
 23 ‘National Apprenticeship Act’; 50 Stat. 664, chapter
 24 663; 29 U.S.C. 50 et seq.).

25 “(2) QUALIFYING PUBLIC SERVICE JOB.—The
 26 term ‘qualifying public service job’ means a job at—

1 “(A) a Federal, State, or local government
2 agency, or tribal organization; or

3 “(B) an organization that is described in
4 section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code
5 of 1986 and exempt from taxation under sec-
6 tion 501(a) of such Code.

7 “(d) INELIGIBILITY FOR DOUBLE BENEFITS.—No
8 borrower may, for the same service, receive a reduction
9 of loan obligations under both this section and section
10 455(m), 428J, 428K, 428L, or 460.”.

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