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To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend loan forgiveness for certain loans to Head Start teachers.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. VOINOVICH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend loan forgiveness for certain loans to Head Start teachers.

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. LOAN FORGIVENESS FOR HEAD START TEACH-**
4 **ERS.**

5 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the
6 “Loan Forgiveness for Head Start Teachers Act of 2003”.

7 (b) **HEAD START TEACHERS.**—Section 428J of the
8 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C 1078–10) is
9 amended—

1 (1) in subsection (b), by striking paragraph (1)
2 and inserting the following:

3 “(1)(A) has been employed—

4 “(i) as a full-time teacher for 5 consecutive
5 complete school years in a school that qualifies
6 under section 465(a)(2)(A) for loan cancellation
7 for Perkins loan recipients who teach in such a
8 school; or

9 “(ii) as a Head Start teacher for 5 con-
10 secutive complete program years under the
11 Head Start Act; and

12 “(B)(i) if employed as a secondary school teach-
13 er, is teaching a subject area that is relevant to the
14 borrower’s academic major as certified by the chief
15 administrative officer of the public or nonprofit pri-
16 vate secondary school in which the borrower is em-
17 ployed;

18 “(ii) if employed as an elementary school teach-
19 er, has demonstrated, as certified by the chief ad-
20 ministrative officer of the public or nonprofit private
21 elementary school in which the borrower is em-
22 ployed, knowledge and teaching skills in reading,
23 writing, mathematics, and other areas of the elemen-
24 tary school curriculum; and

1 “(iii) if employed as a Head Start teacher, has
 2 demonstrated knowledge and teaching skills in read-
 3 ing, writing, early childhood development, and other
 4 areas of a preschool curriculum, with a focus on cog-
 5 nitive learning; and”;

6 (2) in subsection (g), by adding at the end the
 7 following:

8 “(3) HEAD START.—An individual shall be eli-
 9 gible for loan forgiveness under this section for serv-
 10 ice described in clause (ii) of subsection (b)(1)(A)
 11 only if such individual received a baccalaureate or
 12 graduate degree on or after the date of enactment
 13 of the Loan Forgiveness for Head Start Teachers
 14 Act of 2003.”; and

15 (3) by adding at the end the following:

16 “(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
 17 are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be
 18 necessary for fiscal year 2007 and succeeding fiscal years
 19 to carry out loan repayment under this section for service
 20 described in clause (ii) of subsection (b)(1)(A).”.

21 (c) DIRECT STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 460 of the Higher
 23 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C 1087j) is amend-
 24 ed—

1 (A) in subsection (b)(1), by striking sub-
2 paragraph (A) and inserting the following:

3 “(A)(i) has been employed—

4 “(I) as a full-time teacher for 5 con-
5 secutive complete school years in a school
6 that qualifies under section 465(a)(2)(A)
7 for loan cancellation for Perkins loan re-
8 cipients who teach in such a school; or

9 “(II) as a Head Start teacher for 5
10 consecutive complete program years under
11 the Head Start Act; and

12 “(ii)(I) if employed as a secondary school
13 teacher, is teaching a subject area that is rel-
14 evant to the borrower’s academic major as cer-
15 tified by the chief administrative officer of the
16 public or nonprofit private secondary school in
17 which the borrower is employed;

18 “(II) if employed as an elementary school
19 teacher, has demonstrated, as certified by the
20 chief administrative officer of the public or non-
21 profit private elementary school in which the
22 borrower is employed, knowledge and teaching
23 skills in reading, writing, mathematics, and
24 other areas of the elementary school cur-
25 riculum; and

1 “(III) if employed as a Head Start teach-
 2 er, has demonstrated knowledge and teaching
 3 skills in reading, writing, early childhood devel-
 4 opment, and other areas of a preschool cur-
 5 riculum, with a focus on cognitive learning;
 6 and”;

7 (B) in subsection (g), by adding at the end
 8 the following:

9 “(3) HEAD START.—An individual shall be eli-
 10 gible for loan forgiveness under this section for serv-
 11 ice described in subclause (II) of subsection
 12 (b)(1)(A)(i) only if such individual received a bacca-
 13 laureate or graduate degree on or after the date of
 14 enactment of the Loan Forgiveness for Head Start
 15 Teachers Act of 2003.”; and

16 (C) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-
 18 TIONS.—There are authorized to be appro-
 19 priated such sums as may be necessary for
 20 fiscal year 2007 and succeeding fiscal
 21 years to carry out loan repayment under
 22 this section for service described in sub-
 23 clause (II) of subsection (b)(1)(A)(i).”.

1 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 460
 2 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
 3 1087j) is amended—

4 (A) in subsection (c)(1), by inserting “or
 5 fifth complete program year” after “fifth com-
 6 plete school year of teaching”;

7 (B) in subsection (f), by striking “sub-
 8 section (b)” and inserting “subsection
 9 (b)(1)(A)(i)(I)”;

10 (C) in subsection (g)(1)(A), by striking
 11 “subsection (b)(1)(A)” and inserting “sub-
 12 section (b)(1)(A)(i)(I)”;

13 (D) in subsection (h), by inserting “except
 14 as part of the term ‘program year,’” before
 15 “where”.

16 (d) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 428J of
 17 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1078–10)
 18 is amended—

19 (1) in subsection (c)(1), by inserting “or fifth
 20 complete program year” after “fifth complete school
 21 year of teaching”;

22 (2) in subsection (f), by striking “subsection
 23 (b)” and inserting “subsection (b)(1)(A)(i)”;

1 (3) in subsection (g)(1)(A), by striking “sub-
2 section (b)(1)(A)” and inserting “subsection
3 (b)(1)(A)(i)”; and

4 (4) in subsection (h), by inserting “except as
5 part of the term ‘program year,’” before “where”.

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