

113<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 5370

To provide student loan forgiveness for American Indian educators teaching in local educational agencies with a high percentage of American Indian students.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 31, 2014

Mr. RUIZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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## A BILL

To provide student loan forgiveness for American Indian educators teaching in local educational agencies with a high percentage of American Indian students.

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 “American Indian  
5 Teacher Loan Forgiveness Act of 2014”.

1 **SEC. 2. STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS FOR AMERICAN IN-**  
2 **DIAN EDUCATORS TEACHING IN LOCAL EDU-**  
3 **CATIONAL AGENCIES WITH A HIGH PERCENT-**  
4 **AGE OF AMERICAN INDIAN STUDENTS.**

5 (a) PART B LOANS.—Section 428J(c) of the Higher  
6 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1078–10(c)) is amend-  
7 ed by adding at the end the following:

8 “(4) AMERICAN INDIAN TEACHERS IN LOCAL  
9 EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES WITH A HIGH PERCENTAGE  
10 OF AMERICAN INDIAN STUDENTS.—Notwithstanding  
11 the amount specified in paragraph (1) and the re-  
12 quirements under subparagraphs (A) and (B) of  
13 subsection (b)(1), the aggregate amount that the  
14 Secretary shall repay under this section shall be not  
15 more than \$17,500 in the case of a borrower who—

16 “(A) has been employed as a full-time  
17 teacher for 5 consecutive complete school years  
18 as a teacher in a local educational agency de-  
19 scribed in section 7112(b) of the Elementary  
20 and Secondary Education Act of 1965 or in a  
21 school overseen by the Bureau of Indian Edu-  
22 cation of the Department; and

23 “(B) is a member of an Indian tribe (as  
24 defined in section 4 of the Indian Self-Deter-  
25 mination and Education Assistance Act (25  
26 U.S.C. 450b)).”.

1 (b) PART D LOANS.—Section 460(c) of the Higher  
2 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087j(c)) is amended  
3 by adding at the end the following:

4 “(4) AMERICAN INDIAN TEACHERS IN LOCAL  
5 EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES WITH A HIGH PERCENTAGE  
6 OF AMERICAN INDIAN STUDENTS.—Notwithstanding  
7 the amount specified in paragraph (1) and the re-  
8 quirements under subparagraphs (A) and (B) of  
9 subsection (b)(1), the aggregate amount that the  
10 Secretary shall cancel under this section shall be not  
11 more than \$17,500 in the case of a borrower who—

12 “(A) has been employed as a full-time  
13 teacher for 5 consecutive complete school years  
14 as a teacher in a local educational agency de-  
15 scribed in section 7112(b) of the Elementary  
16 and Secondary Education Act of 1965 or in a  
17 school overseen by the Bureau of Indian Edu-  
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