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H. R. 6926

To provide deferment to certain Federal student loan borrowers who are accruing aeronautical experience required for airline transport pilot certification.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COFFMAN 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 “Pilot Act of 2018”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFERRAL OF LOAN REPAYMENT DURING AC-**
2 **CRUAL OF AERONAUTICAL EXPERIENCE RE-**
3 **QUIRED FOR AIRLINE TRANSPORT PILOT**
4 **CERTIFICATION.**

5 Part G of title IV of the Higher Education Act of
6 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1088 et seq.) is amended by adding at
7 the end the following new section:

8 **“SEC. 493E. DEFERRAL OF LOAN REPAYMENT DURING AC-**
9 **CRUAL OF AERONAUTICAL EXPERIENCE RE-**
10 **QUIRED FOR AIRLINE TRANSPORT PILOT**
11 **CERTIFICATION.**

12 “(a) DEFERRAL OF LOAN REPAYMENT DURING AC-
13 CRUAL OF AERONAUTICAL EXPERIENCE.—In addition to
14 any deferral of repayment of a loan made under this title
15 pursuant to section 428(b)(1)(M), 455(f)(2) or
16 464(c)(2)(A), a qualified borrower shall be eligible for a
17 deferment, during which periodic installments of principal
18 need not be paid and interest shall not accrue, for a period
19 not to exceed 3 years following the attainment of a bach-
20 elor’s degree described in subsection (b)(1), except that
21 a deferment under this subsection shall expire upon the
22 qualified borrower’s—

23 “(1) completion of the aeronautical experience
24 requirements imposed under section 44703 of title
25 49, United States Code, for the airline transport
26 pilot certificate sought; or

1 “(2) failure to actively work to accrue the aero-
2 nautical experience required to apply for such certifi-
3 cate.

4 “(b) QUALIFIED BORROWER.—The term ‘qualified
5 borrower’ means a borrower of a loan under this title
6 who—

7 “(1) has attained a bachelor’s degree with an
8 aviation major from an institution of higher edu-
9 cation that has been issued a letter of authorization
10 by the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Admin-
11 istration under section 61.169 of title 14, Code of
12 Federal Regulations; and

13 “(2) is actively working to accrue the aero-
14 nautical experience required to apply for an airline
15 transport pilot certificate.

16 “(c) REGULATIONS.—Not later than one year after
17 the date of enactment of the Pilot Act of 2018, the Sec-
18 retary shall, in consultation with the Administrator of the
19 Federal Aviation Administration, develop guidelines—

20 “(1) for determining for the purposes of this
21 section when a borrower has completed the aero-
22 nautical experience requirements imposed under sec-
23 tion 44703 of title 49, United States Code, for the
24 airline transport pilot certificate sought;

1 “(2) for determining for the purposes of this
2 section whether a borrower is actively working to ac-
3 crue the aeronautical experience requirements re-
4 quired to apply for an airline transport pilot certifi-
5 cate; and

6 “(3) for reporting to the Secretary the progress
7 a qualified borrower is making towards completion
8 of such aeronautical experience requirements, includ-
9 ing the frequency of such reporting.

10 “(d) OTHER DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

11 “(1) AERONAUTICAL EXPERIENCE.—The term
12 ‘aeronautical experience’ has the meaning given such
13 term in section 61.1 of title 14, Code of Federal
14 Regulations.

15 “(2) AIRLINE TRANSPORT PILOT CERTIFI-
16 CATE.—The term ‘airline transport pilot certificate’
17 means an airman certificate described in section
18 44703(b)(2) of title 49, United States Code.”.

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