

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4342

To direct the Secretary of Education to conduct a study on the feasibility of a single certification for certain programs under the Higher Education Act of 1965.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 17, 2019

Ms. FINKENAUER (for herself, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Mr. MCKINLEY) 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 “RETAIN Teachers
5 Act” or the “Reducing Extra Teaching Authentication Im-
6 pacting New Teachers Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STUDY AND REPORT ON SINGLE CERTIFICATION**
2 **FORM.**

3 (a) STUDY.—Not later than 1 year after the date of
4 the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Education
5 shall conduct a study on the feasibility of developing a sin-
6 gle certification form that borrowers may use to electroni-
7 cally submit information with respect to—

8 (1) TEACH Grants under subpart 9 of part A
9 of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
10 U.S.C. 1070g et seq.);

11 (2) loan forgiveness under section 428J of the
12 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1078–
13 10);

14 (3) loan cancellation under section 460 of the
15 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087j);
16 and

17 (4) public service loan forgiveness under section
18 455(m) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
19 U.S.C. 1087e(m)).

20 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
21 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Education
22 shall submit a report to Congress that includes—

23 (1) the results of the study required under sub-
24 section (a); and

25 (2) recommendations with respect to using a
26 single certification form that borrowers may use to

1 electronically submit information with respect to the
2 programs specified in paragraphs (1) through (4) of
3 such subsection.

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