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H. R. 4645

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to allow certain payments made by public service employees to qualify for public service repayment, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 11, 2019

Mr. FOSTER (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, and Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi) 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 “Public Service Loan
5 Forgiveness Inclusion Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. QUALIFYING PAYMENTS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 455(m) of the Higher
3 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087e(m)) is amend-
4 ed—

5 (1) in paragraph (1)(A) by inserting “subject to
6 paragraph (5),” before “has made”; and

7 (2) by adding at the end the following:

8 “(5) FIRST 60 MONTHLY PAYMENTS.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For the purpose of
10 meeting the requirement under subparagraph
11 (A) of paragraph (1), the first 60 monthly pay-
12 ments may be payments under a repayment
13 plan under subsection (d)(1) or (g).

14 “(B) APPLICABILITY.—This paragraph
15 shall apply to borrowers who on or after the
16 date of the enactment of this paragraph have
17 made less than 120 monthly payments under
18 paragraph (1)(A).”.

19 (b) NOTIFICATION TO BORROWERS.—Not later than
20 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
21 Secretary of Education shall—

22 (1) inform each borrower of a loan made under
23 part D of title IV of the Higher Education Act of
24 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087a et seq.) of—

1 (A) paragraph (5) of section 455(m) of the
2 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
3 1087e(m)), as amended by this Act; and

4 (B) the effect of such paragraph on loan
5 cancellation under such section 455(m) (20
6 U.S.C. 1087e(m)); and

7 (2) provide information to such borrowers on
8 how to change repayment plans.

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