

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1573

To require the Secretary of Education to accept certain documentation from the Department of Defense as proof of employment for purposes of the public service loan forgiveness program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 14, 2023

Mr. CONNOLLY 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. REPAYMENT PLAN FOR PUBLIC SERVICE EM-**
4 **PLOYEES.**

5 Section 455(m) of the Higher Education Act of 1965
6 (20 U.S.C. 1087e) is amended by adding at the end the
7 following:

1 “(5) TREATMENT OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTA-
2 TION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.—In
3 determining the eligibility of a borrower for loan for-
4 giveness under this subsection, the Secretary of
5 Education—

6 “(A) shall accept a DD Form 214 sub-
7 mitted by the borrower as proof of the bor-
8 rower’s employment in the position indicated on
9 such form during the time period indicated on
10 such form; and

11 “(B) shall not require a borrower who sub-
12 mits a DD Form 214 to submit a separate em-
13 ployment certification form as proof of the bor-
14 rower’s employment in such position during
15 such time period.”.

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