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116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide additional amounts of loan forgiveness to teachers of English learners, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LANGEVIN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Supporting Providers
5 of English Language Learning Act” or the “SPELL Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TEACHERS OF ENGLISH LEARNERS.**

2 (a) LOAN FORGIVENESS FOR TEACHERS.—Section
3 428J(c)(3) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
4 U.S.C. 1078–10(e)(3)) is amended—

5 (1) in the paragraph heading by striking
6 “MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE, OR SPECIAL EDUCATION”
7 and inserting “MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE, SPECIAL
8 EDUCATION, OR ENGLISH LANGUAGE EDUCATION”;

9 (2) in subparagraph (A)(ii) by striking “and”
10 at the end;

11 (3) in subparagraph (B)(iii) by striking the pe-
12 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

13 (4) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(C) an elementary school or secondary
15 school teacher—

16 “(i) who meets the requirements of
17 subsection (b);

18 “(ii) whose qualifying employment for
19 purposes of such subsection is as a teacher
20 of English learners (as that term is defined
21 in section 8101 of the Elementary and
22 Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20
23 U.S.C. 7801)) whose primary responsibility
24 is to teach such learners; and

25 “(iii) who, as certified by the chief ad-
26 ministrative officer of the public or non-

1 profit private elementary school or sec-
2 ondary school in which the borrower is em-
3 ployed, or, in the case of a teacher who is
4 employed by an educational service agency,
5 as certified by the chief administrative offi-
6 cer of such agency, is teaching English
7 learners who correspond with the bor-
8 rower’s training and has demonstrated
9 knowledge and teaching skills in the con-
10 tent areas of the elementary school or sec-
11 ondary school curriculum that the bor-
12 rower is teaching.”.

13 (b) LOAN CANCELLATION FOR TEACHERS.—Section
14 460(c)(3) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
15 1087j(c)(3)) is amended—

16 (1) in the paragraph heading by striking
17 “MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE, OR SPECIAL EDUCATION”
18 and inserting “MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE, SPECIAL
19 EDUCATION, OR ENGLISH LANGUAGE EDUCATION”;

20 (2) in subparagraph (A)(ii) by striking “and”
21 at the end;

22 (3) in subparagraph (B)(iii) by striking the pe-
23 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

24 (4) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(C) an elementary school or secondary
2 school teacher—

3 “(i) who meets the requirements of
4 subsection (b);

5 “(ii) whose qualifying employment for
6 purposes of such subsection is as a teacher
7 of English learners (as that term is defined
8 in section 8101 of the Elementary and
9 Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20
10 U.S.C. 7801)) whose primary responsibility
11 is to teach such learners; and

12 “(iii) who, as certified by the chief ad-
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14 profit private elementary school or sec-
15 ondary school in which the borrower is em-
16 ployed, or, in the case of a teacher who is
17 employed by an educational service agency,
18 as certified by the chief administrative offi-
19 cer of such agency, is teaching English
20 learners who correspond with the bor-
21 rower’s training and has demonstrated
22 knowledge and teaching skills in the con-
23 tent areas of the elementary school or sec-
24 ondary school curriculum that the bor-
25 rower is teaching.”.

1 **SEC. 3. APPLICABILITY.**

2 The amendments made by section 1 shall take effect
3 on the date of the enactment of this Act and shall apply
4 with respect to individuals who are eligible to receive
5 teacher loan forgiveness under section 428J of the Higher
6 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1078–10) or teacher
7 loan cancellation under section 460 of such Act (20 U.S.C.
8 1087j) after such date.