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117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To provide Federal student loan relief for teachers who work in a military impacted community.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. JACKSON 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 “Defense Community
5 Teacher Support Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. LOAN FORGIVENESS FOR TEACHERS IN MILITARY**
7 **IMPACTED COMMUNITIES.**

8 (a) FFEL LOANS.—Section 428J of the Higher Edu-
9 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1078–10) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (b)(1)(A)—

2 (A) by inserting “(i)” before “in a school”;

3 (B) by striking “locations; and” and in-
4 serting “locations; or”; and

5 (C) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(ii) in a school in a military impacted
7 community; and”;

8 (2) in subsection (c)(3)—

9 (A) in the subsection heading, by inserting
10 “OR SERVING MILITARY IMPACTED COMMU-
11 NITIES” after “EDUCATION”;

12 (B) in subparagraph (A)(ii), by striking
13 “and” after the semicolon;

14 (C) in subparagraph (B)(iii), by striking
15 the period at the end and inserting “; and”;
16 and

17 (D) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(C) an elementary school or secondary
19 school teacher employed in a school in a mili-
20 tary impacted community.”;

21 (3) in subsection (g)—

22 (A) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking
23 “(b)(1)(A)” and inserting “(b)(1)(A)(i)”; and

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

1 “(4) MILITARY CONNECTED TEACHERS.—In the
2 case of an elementary school or secondary school
3 teacher who is employed in a school in a military im-
4 pacted community, is the spouse of a member of the
5 armed forces, and is required to move as a result of
6 the spouse’s permanent change of station, the teach-
7 er may meet the 5-year teaching requirement of this
8 section by teaching in multiple elementary schools or
9 secondary schools in different military impacted
10 communities.”; and

11 (4) in subsection (h), by striking “DEFINI-
12 TION.—” and all that follows through “the term”
13 and inserting the following: “DEFINITIONS.—For
14 purposes of this section:

15 “(1) MILITARY DEPENDENT STUDENT.—The
16 term ‘military dependent student’ means a student
17 described in subparagraph (B) or (D)(i) of section
18 7003(a)(1) of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-
19 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7703(a)(1)).

20 “(2) MILITARY IMPACTED COMMUNITY.—The
21 term ‘military impacted community’, when used with
22 respect to a school, means a school served by a local
23 educational agency for which not less than 20 per-
24 cent (as rounded to the nearest whole percent) of
25 the students in average daily attendance in all

1 schools served by the local educational agency during
2 the preceding school year were military dependent
3 students for such year.

4 “(3) YEAR.—The term”.

5 (b) FEDERAL DIRECT LOANS.—Section 460 of the
6 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087j) is
7 amended—

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