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H. R. 4495

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide student loan eligibility for mid-career, part-time students, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 8, 2016

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico (for herself, Mr. VARGAS, and Mr. KILMER) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Education for Jobs
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STUDENT LOAN ELIGIBILITY FOR MID-CAREER**
2 **PART-TIME STUDENTS.**

3 (a) **STUDENT ELIGIBILITY.**—Section 484(b) of the
4 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1091) is
5 amended—

6 (1) by redesignating paragraph (5) as para-
7 graph (6); and

8 (2) by inserting after paragraph (4) the fol-
9 lowing:

10 “(5) A student who—

11 “(A) is carrying at least 3 credit hours or the
12 equivalent coursework for the course of study that
13 the student is pursuing, as determined by the eligi-
14 ble institution,

15 “(B) is enrolled in a course of study necessary
16 for enrollment in a program leading to a degree or
17 certificate, and

18 “(C) was employed on a full-time basis for not
19 less than 10 years,

20 shall be, notwithstanding paragraph (1) of subsection (a),
21 eligible to apply for loans under part D of this title.”.

22 (b) **ANNUAL AND AGGREGATE LOAN LIMITS.**—Sec-
23 tion 428(b)(1)(A) of the Higher Education Act of 1965
24 (20 U.S.C. 1078(b)(1)(A)) is amended by inserting “or
25 meets the requirements of section 484(b)(5)” after “insti-
26 tution”).

1 (c) REPAYMENT PERIOD.—

2 (1) STAFFORD LOANS.—Section 428(b)(7)(A)
3 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
4 1078(b)(7)(A)) is amended by inserting before the
5 period at the end the following: “or, in the case of
6 a student described in section 484(b)(5), the day
7 after 6 months after the date such student ceases to
8 meet the requirements of such section”.

9 (2) PLUS LOANS.—Section 428B(d)(1)(B)(ii)
10 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
11 1078–2(d)(1)(B)(ii)) is amended by inserting before
12 the period at the end the following: “or, in the case
13 of a graduate or professional student borrower de-
14 scribed in section 484(b)(5), during the 6-month pe-
15 riod beginning on the day after the date such stu-
16 dent ceases to meet the requirements of such sec-
17 tion”.

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