

HR 2992

EDUCATORS for America Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 28, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Education

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 1341	Identical bill	Apr 27, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (Sponsor introductory remarks on measure: CR S1421)
118 HR 1757	Related bill	Mar 23, 2023: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.
118 S 963	Related bill	Mar 23, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EDUCATORS for America Act

This bill provides resources to support the recruitment, retention, and preparation of educators.

Specifically, the bill expands the Teacher Quality Partnership program to include training and professional development opportunities for principals and other school leaders.

Additionally, the bill updates the Augustus F. Hawkins Centers of Excellence program to support underrepresented candidates in educator preparation programs.

The bill establishes an education careers opportunity program to provide individuals from underrepresented backgrounds with education and training to become educators.

Further, the bill revises the Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) grant program to raise the maximum amount for TEACH grants.

The bill also expands loan forgiveness for educators by revising the Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program, including by

- renaming the program as the Educator Loan Forgiveness Programs,
- making additional loan types eligible for benefits under the program (e.g., parent PLUS loans), and
- expanding program eligibility to early childhood educators and program directors serving in early childhood education programs and school leaders serving in public high-need schools.

Next, the bill requires the Department of Education (ED) to (1) make monthly student loan payments on behalf of the educator during qualifying service (i.e., employment as a full-time qualifying educator in a high-need school or an early childhood education program), and (2) provide complete loan forgiveness after five years of qualifying service.

ED must also carry out a program to provide loan credits to eligible educator borrowers enrolled in income-contingent or income-based repayment plans.

Actions Timeline

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