

In the Senate of the United States,

December 16, 2015.

Resolved, That the bill from the House of Representatives (H.R. 3594) entitled “An Act to extend temporarily the Federal Perkins Loan program, and for other purposes.”, do pass with the following

AMENDMENT:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 ***SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.***

2 *This Act may be cited as the “Federal Perkins Loan*
3 *Program Extension Act of 2015”.*

4 ***SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF FEDERAL PERKINS LOAN PROGRAM.***

5 *(a) AUTHORITY TO MAKE LOANS.—*

6 *(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 461 of the Higher*
7 *Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087aa) is amend-*
8 *ed—*

9 *(A) in subsection (a), by striking “of stimu-*
10 *lating and assisting in the establishment and*

1 *maintenance of funds at institutions of higher*
2 *education for the making of low-interest loans to*
3 *students in need thereof” and inserting “assist-*
4 *ing in the maintenance of funds at institutions*
5 *of higher education for the making of loans to*
6 *undergraduate students in need”;*

7 *(B) by striking subsection (b) and inserting*
8 *the following:*

9 “(b) *AUTHORITY TO MAKE LOANS.—*

10 “(1) *IN GENERAL.—*

11 “(A) *LOANS FOR NEW UNDERGRADUATE*
12 *FEDERAL PERKINS LOAN BORROWERS.—Through*
13 *September 30, 2017, an institution of higher*
14 *education may make a loan under this part to*
15 *an eligible undergraduate student who, on the*
16 *date of disbursement of a loan made under this*
17 *part, has no outstanding balance of principal or*
18 *interest on a loan made under this part from the*
19 *student loan fund established under this part by*
20 *the institution, but only if the institution has*
21 *awarded all Federal Direct Loans, as referenced*
22 *under subparagraphs (A) and (D) of section*
23 *455(a)(2), for which such undergraduate student*
24 *is eligible.*

1 “(B) LOANS FOR CURRENT UNDER-
2 GRADUATE FEDERAL PERKINS LOAN BOR-
3 ROWERS.—Through September 30, 2017, an in-
4 stitution of higher education may make a loan
5 under this part to an eligible undergraduate stu-
6 dent who, on the date of disbursement of a loan
7 made under this part, has an outstanding bal-
8 ance of principal or interest on a loan made
9 under this part from the student loan fund estab-
10 lished under this part by the institution, but
11 only if the institution has awarded all Federal
12 Direct Stafford Loans as referenced under section
13 455(a)(2)(A) for which such undergraduate stu-
14 dent is eligible.

15 “(C) LOANS FOR CERTAIN GRADUATE BOR-
16 ROWERS.—Through September 30, 2016, with re-
17 spect to an eligible graduate student who has re-
18 ceived a loan made under this part prior to Oc-
19 tober 1, 2015, an institution of higher education
20 that has most recently made such a loan to the
21 student for an academic program at such insti-
22 tution may continue making loans under this
23 part from the student loan fund established
24 under this part by the institution to enable the

1 *student to continue or complete such academic*
2 *program.*

3 “(2) *NO ADDITIONAL LOANS.*—*An institution of*
4 *higher education shall not make loans under this part*
5 *after September 30, 2017.*

6 “(3) *PROHIBITION ON ADDITIONAL APPROPRIA-*
7 *TIONS.*—*No funds are authorized to be appropriated*
8 *under this Act or any other Act to carry out the func-*
9 *tions described in paragraph (1) for any fiscal year*
10 *following fiscal year 2015.”; and*

11 *(C) by striking subsection (c).*

12 “(2) *RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.*—*Notwithstanding*
13 *the amendments made under paragraph (1) of this*
14 *subsection, an eligible graduate borrower who received*
15 *a disbursement of a loan under part E of title IV of*
16 *the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087aa*
17 *et seq.) after June 30, 2016 and before October 1,*
18 *2016, for the 2016–2017 award year, may receive a*
19 *subsequent disbursement of such loan by June 30,*
20 *2017, for which the borrower received an initial dis-*
21 *bursement after June 30, 2016 and before October 1,*
22 *2016.*

23 “(b) *DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS FROM STUDENT LOAN*
24 *FUNDS.*—*Section 466 of the Higher Education Act of 1965*
25 *(20 U.S.C. 1087ff) is amended—*

1 (1) *in subsection (a)—*

2 (A) *in the matter preceding paragraph (1),*
3 *by striking “After September 30, 2003, and not*
4 *later than March 31, 2004” and inserting “Be-*
5 *ginning October 1, 2017”;* and

6 (B) *in paragraph (1), by striking “Sep-*
7 *tember 30, 2003” and inserting “September 30,*
8 *2017”;*

9 (2) *in subsection (b)—*

10 (A) *by striking “After October 1, 2012” and*
11 *inserting “Beginning October 1, 2017”;* and

12 (B) *by striking “September 30, 2003” and*
13 *inserting “September 30, 2017”;* and

14 (3) *in subsection (c)(1), by striking “October 1,*
15 *2004” and inserting “October 1, 2017”.*

16 (c) *ADDITIONAL EXTENSIONS NOT PERMITTED.—Sec-*
17 *tion 422 of the General Education Provisions Act (20*
18 *U.S.C. 1226a) shall not apply to further extend the dura-*
19 *tion of the authority under paragraph (1) of section 461(b)*
20 *of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087aa(b)),*
21 *as amended by subsection (a)(1) of this section, beyond Sep-*
22 *tember 30, 2017, on the basis of the extension under such*
23 *subsection.*

1 **SEC. 3. DISCLOSURE REQUIRED PRIOR TO DISBURSEMENT.**

2 *Section 463A(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965*
3 *(20 U.S.C. 1087cc-1(a)) is amended—*

4 *(1) in paragraph (12), by striking “and” after*
5 *the semicolon;*

6 *(2) in paragraph (13), by striking the period at*
7 *the end and inserting a semicolon; and*

8 *(3) by adding at the end the following:*

9 *“(14) a notice and explanation regarding the*
10 *end to future availability of loans made under this*
11 *part;*

12 *“(15) a notice and explanation that repayment*
13 *and forgiveness benefits available to borrowers of*
14 *loans made under part D are not available to bor-*
15 *rowers participating in the loan program under this*
16 *part;*

17 *“(16) a notice and explanation regarding a bor-*
18 *rower’s option to consolidate a loan made under this*
19 *part into a Federal Direct Loan under part D, in-*
20 *cluding any benefit of such consolidation;*

21 *“(17) with respect to new undergraduate Federal*
22 *Perkins loan borrowers, as described in section*
23 *461(b)(1)(A), a notice and explanation providing a*
24 *comparison of the interest rates of loans under this*
25 *part and part D and informing the borrower that the*
26 *borrower has reached the maximum annual borrowing*

1 *limit for which the borrower is eligible as referenced*
2 *under subparagraphs (A) and (D) of section*
3 *455(a)(2); and*

4 *“(18) with respect to current undergraduate Fed-*
5 *eral Perkins loan borrowers, as described in section*
6 *461(b)(1)(B), a notice and explanation providing a*
7 *comparison of the interest rates of loans under this*
8 *part and part D and informing the borrower that the*
9 *borrower has reached the maximum annual borrowing*
10 *limit for which the borrower is eligible on Federal Di-*
11 *rect Stafford Loans as referenced under section*
12 *455(a)(2)(A).”.*

Attest:

Secretary.

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