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H. R. 480

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow qualified scholarship funding corporations to access tax-exempt financing for alternative private student loans.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FLORES introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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 “Student Loan Oppor-
5 tunity Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. QUALIFIED SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING CORPORATION**
2 **TAX-EXEMPT FINANCING FOR ALTERNATIVE**
3 **PRIVATE STUDENT LOANS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 150(d)(2)(A) of the Inter-
5 nal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

6 (1) by striking “established and”,

7 (2) by striking “incurred under the Higher
8 Education Act of 1965”, and

9 (3) by inserting “and performing student assist-
10 ance related activities” after “student loan notes”.

11 (b) STUDENT ASSISTANCE RELATED ACTIVITIES.—
12 Section 150(d) of such Code is amended by adding at the
13 end the following new paragraph:

14 “(4) STUDENT ASSISTANCE RELATED ACTIVI-
15 TIES.—For purposes of this subsection, the term
16 ‘student assistance related activities’ includes main-
17 taining loan documentation, handling communica-
18 tions with schools and borrowers, monitoring the
19 student borrower’s location and continued enroll-
20 ment, default prevention, offering borrower edu-
21 cation and college access programs, borrower out-
22 reach and financial literacy training, disseminating
23 information about student loan programs and higher
24 education finance matters, and similar charitable
25 and educational activities.”.

1 (c) REQUALIFICATION AS QUALIFIED SCHOLARSHIP
2 FUNDING CORPORATION.—Section 150(d) of such Code,
3 as amended by subsection (b), is amended by adding at
4 the end the following new paragraph:

5 “(5) REQUALIFICATION AS QUALIFIED SCHOL-
6 ARSHIP FUNDING CORPORATION.—A corporation
7 that meets the requirements of subparagraphs (A)
8 and (B) of section 150(d)(2) shall not fail to be
9 treated as a qualified scholarship funding corpora-
10 tion solely because such corporation ceased to be a
11 corporation described in section 150(d)(2) after the
12 date of the enactment of the Health Care and Edu-
13 cation Reconciliation Act of 2010.”.

14 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
15 this section shall apply to bonds issued after the date of
16 the enactment of this Act.

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