

113TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. 2458

To provide student loan forgiveness for American Indian educators teaching in local educational agencies with a high percentage of American Indian students.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 10, 2014

Mr. WALSH introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

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 “American Indian
5 Teacher Loan Forgiveness Act of 2014”.

1 **SEC. 2. STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS FOR AMERICAN IN-**
2 **DIAN EDUCATORS TEACHING IN LOCAL EDU-**
3 **CATIONAL AGENCIES WITH A HIGH PERCENT-**
4 **AGE OF AMERICAN INDIAN STUDENTS.**

5 (a) PART B LOANS.—Section 428J(c) of the Higher
6 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1078–10(c)) is amend-
7 ed by adding at the end the following:

8 “(4) AMERICAN INDIAN TEACHERS IN LOCAL
9 EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES WITH A HIGH PERCENTAGE
10 OF AMERICAN INDIAN STUDENTS.—Notwithstanding
11 the amount specified in paragraph (1) and the re-
12 quirements under subparagraphs (A) and (B) of
13 subsection (b)(1), the aggregate amount that the
14 Secretary shall repay under this section shall be not
15 more than \$17,500 in the case of a borrower who—

16 “(A) has been employed as a full-time
17 teacher for 5 consecutive complete school years
18 as a teacher in a local educational agency de-
19 scribed in section 7112(b) of the Elementary
20 and Secondary Education Act of 1965 or in a
21 school overseen by the Bureau of Indian Edu-
22 cation of the Department; and

23 “(B) is a member of an Indian tribe (as
24 defined in section 4 of the Indian Self-Deter-
25 mination and Education Assistance Act (25
26 U.S.C. 450b)).”.

1 (b) PART D LOANS.—Section 460(c) of the Higher
2 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087j(c)) is amended
3 by adding at the end the following:

4 “(4) AMERICAN INDIAN TEACHERS IN LOCAL
5 EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES WITH A HIGH PERCENTAGE
6 OF AMERICAN INDIAN STUDENTS.—Notwithstanding
7 the amount specified in paragraph (1) and the re-
8 quirements under subparagraphs (A) and (B) of
9 subsection (b)(1), the aggregate amount that the
10 Secretary shall cancel under this section shall be not
11 more than \$17,500 in the case of a borrower who—

12 “(A) has been employed as a full-time
13 teacher for 5 consecutive complete school years
14 as a teacher in a local educational agency de-
15 scribed in section 7112(b) of the Elementary
16 and Secondary Education Act of 1965 or in a
17 school overseen by the Bureau of Indian Edu-
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