

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 5242

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to allow certain students enrolled in an institution of higher education to apply for teaching residency programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 10, 2021

Mrs. TRAHAN (for herself, Mrs. BUSTOS, and Mrs. HAYES) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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 “Supporting Teachers
5 with Residency Opportunities and New Grants Act of
6 2021” or the “STRONG Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. TEACHER RESIDENCY PROGRAMS.**

2 (a) PARTNERSHIP GRANTS.—Section
3 202(e)(2)(B)(i)(I) of the Higher Education Act of 1965
4 (20 U.S.C. 1022a(e)(2)(B)(i)(I)) is amended—

5 (1) by striking “education or” and inserting
6 “education,”; and

7 (2) by striking “accomplishment” and inserting
8 “accomplishment, or enrolled in a pre-baccalaureate
9 program at a four-year institution of higher edu-
10 cation with an academic major relating to teaching”.

11 (b) PUBLIC SERVICE LOAN FORGIVENESS.—Section
12 455(m)(3)(B) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
13 U.S.C. 1087e(m)(3)(B)) is amended—

14 (1) in clause (i), by striking “or” at the end;

15 (2) in clause (ii), by striking the period at the
16 end and inserting “; or”; and

17 (3) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(iii) participating, as a pre-bacca-
19 laurate student, in a teacher residency
20 program under section 202 of this Act.”.

21 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
22 209 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
23 1022h) is amended by striking “\$300,000,000” and all
24 that follows and inserting “\$600,000,000 for fiscal years

- 1 2022 through 2024 and such sums as may be necessary
- 2 for each succeeding fiscal year.”.

