AMENDMENT TO H.R.4137, AS REPORTED

OFFERED BY MR. WILSON OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Page 329, after line 4, insert the following new section (and redesignate the succeeding sections accordingly):

1 **SEC. 425. EXPANSION OF LOAN FORGIVENESS TO SPEECH-**
2 **LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS.**
3 (a) FFEL LOANS.—
4 (1) FORGIVENESS FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PA-
5 THOLOGISTS AUTHORIZED.—Section 428J(b)(1) (20
6 U.S.C. 1078–10(b)(1)) is amended to read as fol-
7 lows:
8 "(1) has been employed for 5 consecutive com-
9 plete school years—
10 "(A) as a full-time teacher—
11 "(i) in a school that qualifies under
12 section 465(a)(2)(A) for loan cancellation
13 for Perkins loan recipients who teach in
14 such schools; and
15 "(ii) if employed as an elementary
16 school or secondary school teacher, who is
17 highly qualified as defined in section 9101
18 of the Elementary Secondary Education

1 Act of 1965, or meets the requirements of
2 subsection (g)(3); or
3 "(B) as a full-time speech-language pathol-
4 ogist—
5 "(i) to perform services principally in
6 a school described in subparagraph (A)(i);
7 and
8 "(ii) who has, at a minimum, a grad-
9 uate degree in speech-language pathology,
10 or communication sciences and disorders;
11 and".
12 (2) ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS FOR SPEECH-LAN-
13 GUAGE PATHOLOGISTS.—Section 428J(c)(3) (20
14 U.S.C. 1078–10(c)(3)) is amended—
15 (A) in the header, by inserting before the
16 period ", AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLO-
17 GISTS";
18 (B) by striking "and" at the end of sub-
19 paragraph (A);
20 (C) by striking the period at the end of
21 subparagraph (B) and inserting "; and"; and
22 (D) by adding at the end the following new
23 subparagraph:
24 "(C) a speech-language pathologist who
25 meets the requirements of subsection (b).".

1 (b) DIRECT LOANS.—

2 (1) FORGIVENESS FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PA-
3 THOLOGISTS AUTHORIZED.—Section 460(b)(1)(A)
4 (20 U.S.C. 1087j(b)(1)(A)) is amended to read as
5 follows:

6 "(A) has been employed for 5 consecutive
7 complete school years—

8 "(i) as a full-time teacher—

9 "(I) in a school that qualifies
10 under section 465(a)(2)(A) for loan
11 cancellation for Perkins loan recipi-
12 ents who teach in such schools; and

13 "(II) if employed as an elemen-
14 tary school or secondary school teach-
15 er, who is highly qualified as defined
16 in section 9101 of the Elementary
17 Secondary Education Act of 1965, or
18 meets the requirements of subsection
19 (g)(3); or

20 "(ii) as a full-time speech-language
21 pathologist—

22 "(I) to perform services prin-
23 cipally in a school described in clause
24 (i)(I); and

"(II) who has, at a minimum, a graduate degree in speech-language pathology, or communication sciences and disorders; and".

(2) ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS.—Section 460(c)(3) (20 U.S.C. 1087j(c)(3)) is amended—

(A) in the header, by inserting before the period ", AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS";

(B) by striking "and" at the end of subparagraph (A);

(C) by striking the period at the end of subparagraph (B) and inserting "; and"; and

(D) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

"(C) a speech-language pathologist who meets the requirements of subsection (b).".

(c) NEW BORROWER ELIGIBILITY.—An individual who is a speech-language pathologist shall not qualify under the amendments made by this section unless such individual is a new borrower (as such term is defined in section 103 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1003)) on or after October 1, 2008.