

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 4973

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to allow participation in certain Fulbright programs to qualify for the repayment plan for public service employees, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 15, 2025

Mr. BEYER (for himself, Ms. CHU, Mr. CARSON, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, and Ms. MCBRIDE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce

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## 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 “Fulbright Teacher’s  
5 Loan Forgiveness Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPAYMENT PLAN FOR PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOY-**  
2 **EES.**

3 Section 455(m) of the Higher Education Act of 1965  
4 (20 U.S.C. 1087e(m)) is amended by adding at the end  
5 the following:

6 “(5) FULBRIGHT ELIGIBILITY.—For purposes  
7 of loan cancellation under this subsection, participa-  
8 tion in a Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program or  
9 the Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Program  
10 shall be treated as employment in a public service  
11 job.”.

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