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Education

H.R. 2021, Right Start Child Care and Education Act of 2007 - Increases the rates and maximum allowable amount of the tax credit for employer-provided child care, increases the dollar limit on the child care tax credit, and allows a \$2,000 tax credit for child care providers who hold a bachelor's degree in early childhood education, child care, or a related degree and who provide at least 1,200 hours of child care services in a taxable year.

- Sponsor: Rep. Ruppertsberger, C. A. Dutch (D-MD)
- Status: House Committee on Ways and Means

H.R. 2363, Generating Opportunity by Forgiving Educational Debt for Service Act of 2007 - Excludes from gross income student loan repayments by the federal government on behalf of federal employees and members of the Armed Forces on active duty. Exempts such repayments from social security taxes.

- Sponsor: Rep. Bishop, Timothy H. (D-NY)
- Status: House Committee on Ways and Means

H.R. 3177, Local Education Authority Returns Now Act - Allows a State to opt out of K-12 education grant programs and the requirements of those programs and provides a credit to taxpayers in such a State.

- Sponsor: Rep. Garrett, Scott (R-NJ)
- Status: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education

H.R. 2588, Comprehensive Coverdell Modernization Act - Would double the current after-tax contribution limit to the Education Savings Accounts to \$4,000, to adjust to increased tuition costs. It would also index the contribution limit to inflation and remove the 2011 sunset for the contribution limits (currently, the limit is set to roll back to \$500 in 2011).

- Sponsor: Rep. Drake, Thelma D. (R-VA)

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- Status: House Committee on Ways and Means

H.R. 1761, The Teacher Incentive Fund - Allows state and local school districts to apply for federal funds to develop, implement or improve performance-based compensation systems. This is a reward system for teachers that are able to increase student achievement.

- Sponsor: Rep. Price, Tom (R-GA)

- Status: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education

H.R. 2772, Public Servant Retirement Protection Act of 2007 - Repeals the windfall elimination provision as it affects the retirement benefits of public servants.

- Sponsor: Rep. Brady, Kevin (R-TX)

- Status: House Committee on Ways and Means

H.R. 2287, Teacher Tax Credit Act of 2007 – Allows a kindergarten through grade 12 teacher, instructor, counselor, principal, or aide in a public elementary or secondary school who works at least 900 hours during a school year, a \$2,000 tax credit.

- Sponsor: Rep. Wilson, Heather (R-NM)

- Status: House Committee on Ways and Means

H.R. 1058, Hope Plus Scholarship Act of 2007 - Includes elementary and secondary education expenses for the purposes of claiming the Hope Scholarship Tax Credit.

- Sponsor: Rep. Paul, Ron (R-TX)

- Status: House Committee on Ways and Means

H.R. 1407, Higher Education Affordability and Equity Act of 2007 - Repeals the dollar limitation on the tax deduction for interest on education loans and expands eligibility for such deduction by revising the modified adjusted gross income phaseout for such deduction, makes the tax deduction for qualified tuition and related expenses permanent, increases from \$2,000 to \$5,000 the maximum allowable contribution to a Coverdell savings account.

- Sponsor: Rep. English, Phil (R-PA)

- Status: House Committee on Ways and Means

H.R. 1059, Teacher Tax Cut Act of 2007 - Provides a tax credit of \$3,000 for full-time elementary and secondary school teachers.

- Sponsor: Rep. Paul, Ron (R-TX)

- Status: House Committee on Ways and Means

H.R. 17, Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2007 – Would provide payments to counties whose regular Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management receipt-sharing payments had declined. Since 1908, the Forest Service has paid 25% of its gross receipts to the states for use on roads and schools in the counties where the national forests are located. Receipts come from sales, leases, rentals, or other fees for using national forest lands or resources. This program was

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enacted to compensate local governments for the tax-exempt status of the national forests, and funds are allocated toward road and school programs.

- Sponsor: Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. (D-OR)

- Status: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands

H.R. 3614, Action Plan for Public Lands and Education Act of 2007 - Would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to grant 5% of Federal land to western states with a large proportion of public land. States cannot tax Federal land to raise money for schools. This measure would permit them to sell or lease 5% of the Federal land and would require all proceeds generated from sale or lease be directed to the support of public education.

Sponsor: Rep. Bishop, Rob (R-UT)

Status: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands

H.R. 82, Social Security Fairness Act of 2007 – Repeals the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP) and Government Pension Offset (GPO) that affects most teachers and public service employees. WEP reduces Social Security benefits of workers who also have pension benefits from jobs not covered by Social Security (i.e. local government workers such as teachers, first responders, etc.) Its purpose is to remove a perceived advantage these workers would receive because of Social Security's benefit formula that gives higher benefits for lower earnings. EXAMPLE: A normal worker gets 90% of the first \$656 of earnings for \$590.40. A worker under WEP gets 40% of the first \$656 of earnings for \$262.40. The monthly difference is: \$328. GPO kicks in when individuals receive Social Security spousal benefits and at the same time, a government pension based on non-Social Security covered work. GPO reduces by 2/3 these spousal benefits based on work that was not covered by Social Security.

- Sponsor: Rep. Berman, Howard (D-CA)

- Status: Subcommittee on Social Security

H.Res. 789 - This resolution honors the contributions of public child welfare agencies, nonprofit organizations and private entities dedicated to finding homes for foster children and assisting foster families.

- Sponsor: Rep. Bachmann, Michele (R-MN)

- Status: House Committee on Education and Labor

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