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RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 113-12 H.R. 1911, SMARTER SOLUTIONS FOR STUDENTS ACT

[Showing the text of the bill as ordered reported by the Committee on Education and the Workforce.]

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the "Smarter Solutions for 3 Students Act". 4 SEC. 2. STUDENT LOAN INTEREST RATES. 5 Section 455(b) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087e(b)) is amended— 6 7 (1) in paragraph (7)— 8 (A) in the paragraph heading, by inserting ", AND BEFORE JULY 1, 2013" after "2006"; 9 10 (B) in subparagraph (A), by inserting "and before July 1, 2013," after "2006,"; 11 12 (C) in subparagraph (B), by inserting "and before July 1, 2013," after "2006,"; and 13 14 (D) in subparagraph (C), by inserting "and before July 1, 2013," after "2006,"; 15 16 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (8) and (9) as 17 paragraphs (9) and (10), respectively; and

(3) by inserting after paragraph (7), the fol lowing:

3 "(8) INTEREST RATE PROVISION FOR NEW
4 LOANS ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2013.—

5 "(A) RATES FOR FDSL AND FDUSL.—Not-6 withstanding the preceding paragraphs of this 7 subsection, for Federal Direct Stafford Loans 8 and Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford 9 Loans for which the first disbursement is made 10 on or after July 1, 2013, the applicable rate of 11 interest shall, during any 12-month period beginning on July 1 and ending on June 30, be 12 13 determined on the preceding June 1 and be 14 equal to—

15 "(i) the high-yield 10-year Treasury
16 notes auctioned at the final auction held
17 prior to such June 1; plus

"(ii) 2.5 percent,

except that such rate shall not exceed 8.5 percent.

21 "(B) PLUS LOANS.—Notwithstanding the
22 preceding paragraphs of this subsection, for any
23 Federal Direct PLUS Loan for which the first
24 disbursement is made on or after July 1, 2013,
25 the applicable rate of interest shall, during any

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1	12-month period beginning on July 1 and end-
2	ing on June 30, be determined on the preceding
3	June 1 and be equal to—
4	"(i) the high-yield 10-year Treasury
5	notes auctioned at the final auction held
6	prior to such June 1; plus
7	"(ii) 4.5 percent,
8	except that such rate shall not exceed 10.5 per-
9	cent.
10	"(C) CONSOLIDATION LOANS.—Notwith-
11	standing the preceding paragraphs of this sub-
12	section, any Federal Direct Consolidation Loan
13	for which the application is received on or after
14	July 1, 2013, shall bear interest at an annual
15	rate on the unpaid principal balance of the loan
16	that is equal to the weighted average of the in-
17	terest rates on the loans consolidated, rounded
18	to the nearest higher one-eighth of one per-
19	cent.".
20	SEC. 3. BUDGETARY EFFECTS.
21	(a) PAYGO SCORECARD.—The budgetary effects of
22	this Act shall not be entered on either PAYGO scorecard
23	maintained pursuant to section 4(d) of the Statutory Pay-
24	As-You-Go Act of 2010.

(b) SENATE PAYGO SCORECARD.—The budgetary ef fects of this Act shall not be entered on any PAYGO score card maintained for purposes of section 201 of S. Con.
 Res. 21 (110th Congress).

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