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116TH CONGRESS
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To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase and expand the above-the-line deduction for certain expenses of school teachers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Teacher Tax Deduc-
5 tion Enhancement Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. ABOVE-THE-LINE DEDUCTION FOR CERTAIN EX-**
2 **PENSES OF SCHOOL TEACHERS.**

3 (a) PRESCHOOL AND CERTAIN PART-TIME TEACH-
4 ERS MADE ELIGIBLE.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 62(d)(1)(A) of the
6 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended to read
7 as follows:

8 “(A) ELIGIBLE EDUCATOR.—The term ‘eli-
9 gible educator’ means, with respect to any tax-
10 able year, an individual who is—

11 “(i) a kindergarten through grade 12
12 teacher, instructor, counselor, principal, or
13 aide in a school for at least 450 hours dur-
14 ing a school year which ends during such
15 taxable year, or

16 “(ii) a teacher, instructor, counselor,
17 or aid in a preschool program for at least
18 450 hours during the taxable year.”.

19 (2) PRESCHOOL PROGRAM DEFINED.—Section
20 62(d)(1) of such Code is amended by adding at the
21 end the following new subparagraph:

22 “(C) PRESCHOOL PROGRAM.—The term
23 ‘preschool program’ means any program for
24 providing preschool which—

25 “(i) receives funds for carrying out
26 preschool programs pursuant to—

1 “(I) part A of title I of the Ele-
2 mentary and Secondary Education
3 Act of 1965, or

4 “(II) subpart 2 of part B of title
5 I of such Act, or

6 “(ii) is accredited as a preschool
7 under State law.”.

8 (3) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

9 (A) Section 62(d)(1) of such Code is
10 amended by striking all that precedes subpara-
11 graph (A) and inserting the following:

12 “(1) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of subsection
13 (a)(2)(D) and this subsection—”.

14 (B) The heading of section 62(a)(2)(D) of
15 such Code is amended by striking “ELEMEN-
16 TARY AND SECONDARY” and inserting “PRE-
17 SCHOOL, ELEMENTARY, AND SECONDARY”.

18 (b) INCREASE IN LIMITATION FOR FULL-TIME EDU-
19 CATORS.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 62(a)(2)(D) of such
21 Code is amended by inserting “(twice such amount
22 in the case of a full-time educator)” after “\$250”.

23 (2) FULL-TIME EDUCATOR DEFINED.—Section
24 62(d)(1) of such Code, as amended by subsection

1 (a)(2), is amended by adding at the end the fol-
2 lowing new subparagraph:

3 “(D) FULL-TIME EDUCATOR.—The term
4 ‘full-time educator’ means, with respect to any
5 taxable year, an individual who for such taxable
6 year satisfies the requirements of clause (i) or
7 (ii) of subparagraph (A) applied by substituting
8 ‘900 hours’ for ‘450 hours’ therein.”.

9 (c) REPEAL OF REDUCTION OF DEDUCTION BY REA-
10 SON OF CERTAIN EXCLUSIONS.—Section 62(d) of such
11 Code is amended by striking paragraph (2) and redesignig-
12 nating paragraph (3) as paragraph (2).

13 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
14 this section shall apply to taxable years ending after the
15 date of the enactment of this Act.