

110TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. _____

To amend the National and Community Service Act of 1990 to improve the educational awards provided for national service, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

_____ introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “AmeriCorps Act of
5 2008”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMOUNT OF NATIONAL SERVICE EDUCATIONAL**
7 **AWARD.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 147(a) of the National
9 and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12603(a))
10 is amended—

1 (1) by striking “equal to 90 percent of” and all
2 that follows and inserting the following: “equal to—
3 “(1) for fiscal year 2009, \$6185; and
4 “(2) except as provided in paragraph (1), for
5 each fiscal year, an amount equal to the greater of—
6 “(A) the average cost of tuition and fees
7 (determined under section 472 of the Higher
8 Education Act of 1087ll) for the preceding fis-
9 cal year for a full-time student at a 4-year pub-
10 lic institution of higher education that receives
11 funds under title IV of that Act (20 U.S.C.
12 1070 et seq.); and
13 “(B) the amount determined for the pre-
14 ceding fiscal year under this subsection.”.

15 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection (a) takes effect
16 on October 1, 2008.

17 **SEC. 3. TREATMENT OF NATIONAL SERVICE EDUCATIONAL**
18 **AWARD.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 147 of the National and
20 Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12603) is
21 amended by adding at the end the following:

22 “(d) TREATMENT.—The amount of a national service
23 educational award provided to an individual under this
24 subtitle shall not be included in the gross income of the

1 individual for purposes of the Internal Revenue Code of
2 1986.”.

3 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
4 subsection (a) shall apply to national service educational
5 awards disbursed after December 31, 2008.

6 **SEC. 4. NATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAMS TO IMPLEMENT**
7 **PRIORITIES OF FEDERAL AGENCIES.**

8 Section 121(b) of the National and Community Serv-
9 ice Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12571(b)) is amended by add-
10 ing at the end the following:

11 “(5) **PRIORITIES OF FEDERAL AGENCIES.**—In
12 carrying out this subsection, the Corporation may
13 enter into a contract or cooperative agreement with
14 another Federal agency to support a national service
15 program, carried out by the Federal agency, to im-
16 plement the priorities of the Federal agency (not-
17 withstanding section 122).”.

18 **SEC. 5. CABINET LEVEL STATUS FOR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF-**
19 **FICER.**

20 (a) **EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS.**—Section 101 of title
21 5, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end
22 the following:

23 “The Corporation for National and Community
24 Service.”.

1 (b) COMPENSATION.—Section 193 of the National
2 and Community Service Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12651e)
3 is amended—

4 (1) by striking “level III” and inserting “level
5 I”; and

6 (2) by striking “section 5314” and inserting
7 “section 5312”.