

## Contents of the Chairman's Amendment to the Tax RELIEF Act

This chairman's amendment was accepted as part of the Senate-passed Tax RELIEF Act. The amendment includes several bipartisan measures. The senators sponsoring the original amendments are listed below.

- Expansion of Adoption Tax Credit and Adoption Assistance Programs – Allows a flat credit up to \$10,000 for the adoption of a special needs child. Allows credit of qualified adoption expenses for all other adoptions. Sen. Landrieu, Sen. Craig, Sen. Lincoln.
- Full Deduction for Health Insurance Costs of Self-Employed Individuals – Accelerates full deductibility to the year 2002. Sen. Bond and Sen. Durbin.
- Qualified Tuition Programs – Permits annual rollovers for Qualified Tuition Programs. Sen. Sessions, Sen. McConnell, Sen. Wyden.
- Child Tax Credit – Ensures that refunds under the Child Tax Credit will not be treated as income or other resources for purposes of Federal means testing programs. Sen. Snowe, Sen. Lincoln.
- Education Savings Accounts – Permits purchases of computer hardware and software, and Internet access from education savings accounts. Sen. Allen.
- State Political Organizations – Amends section 527 to eliminate notification and return requirements for State and local candidate committees, and avoid duplicate reporting by certain State and local political committees of information required to be reported and made publicly available under state law. Sen. Hutchison (TX), Sen. Lieberman, Sen. Feingold.
- Dependent Care Credit – Increases expenses for household and dependent care services to \$3,000 for one qualifying individual and \$6,000 for two or more qualifying individuals, and increases applicable percentage. Sen. Jeffords.
- Coverdell Education Savings Accounts – Creates new Coverdell ESA, named in honor of the late Sen. Paul Coverdell (GA). Provides that up to \$500 contributed by an employer to a Coverdell Education Savings Account will not be treated as income to the employee. Sen. Torricelli.
- Employer-Provided Child Care Credit Facility – Allows credit of up to \$150,000 per year to a business to acquire, construct, rehabilitate, expand or operate a child care facility. Sen. Kohl.
- Deduction for Artistic Works – Allows a fair market value deduction for qualifying contributions of literary, musical, or artistic compositions. Sen. Leahy and Sen. Bennett.
- Estate Tax Valuations – Waiver of statute of limitations for taxes on certain farm valuations. Sen. Daschle.

- Permanent Extension of Research Credit – Permanently extends the research and experimentation tax credit and increases alternative incremental credit. Sen. Hatch
- Vaccine Research Credit – Allows a credit for research relating to developing vaccines against widespread diseases. Sen. Kerry.
- Coordination of Education Provisions – Clarifies the coordination of various education-related exclusions with the deduction for higher education expenses. Sen. Graham.
- Forestry Conservation Bonds – Modifies the treatment of bonds issued to acquire renewable resources on land subject to conservation easement. Sen. Murray and Sen. Smith (OR).
- Accelerate Wage Credits for Round II Empowerment Zones – Accelerates benefits of wage tax credits for empowerment zones to the earlier of July 1, 2001, or date of enactment of RELIEF Act of 2001. Sen. Dorgan.
- Education and Literacy – Allows enhanced charitable deduction for contributions of book inventories for educational purposes. Sen. Hatch.
- Hospital Support Organizations – Treats certain hospital support organizations as qualified organizations for purposes of section 514(c)(9). Sen. Inouye.
- Water Treatment Facilities – Provides tax-exempt bond authority for water systems to comply with new arsenic standards recommended by National Academy of Sciences and adopted by the World Health Organization and European Union. Sen. Nelson.
- Technical corrections of the applicable percentages under Marriage Penalty Relief.
- Adjustment of time for payment of corporate estimated tax payments due in 2011.