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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. FOXX (for herself, Ms. STEFANIK, and Mr. BANKS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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## 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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4       (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the  
5       “Responsible Education Assistance through Loan Re-

1 forms Act” or the “Responsible Education Assistance  
2 through Loan Reforms Act”.

3 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for  
4 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. References.

#### TITLE I—LIMITS ON SECRETARIAL AUTHORITY

Sec. 101. Limitation on authority of Secretary to propose or issue regulations  
and executive actions.

#### TITLE II—LOAN REFORMS

##### PART A—CURRENT BORROWERS

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##### PART B—LOAN REHABILITATION AND LOAN LIMITS

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Sec. 222. Repayment incentives.

Sec. 223. Repayment plans.

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Sec. 226. Deferment on loans made on or after July 1, 2023.

##### PART D—ELIMINATION OF INTEREST CAPITALIZATION

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#### TITLE III—WORKFORCE PELL GRANTS

Sec. 301. Data collection and dissemination related to Workforce Pell.

Sec. 302. Program eligibility for Workforce Pell grants.

Sec. 304. Workforce Pell Grants.

Sec. 305. Accrediting agency determination of eligibility requirements for the  
Workforce Pell Grants program.

#### 5 **SEC. 2. REFERENCES.**

6 Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in  
7 this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms  
8 of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provi-

1 sion, the reference shall be considered to be made to a  
 2 section or other provision of the Higher Education Act of  
 3 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.).

## 4 **TITLE I—LIMITS ON** 5 **SECRETARIAL AUTHORITY**

6 **SEC. 101. LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY TO**  
 7 **PROPOSE OR ISSUE REGULATIONS AND EX-**  
 8 **ECUTIVE ACTIONS.**

9 Part G of title IV (20 U.S.C. 1088 et seq.) is amend-  
 10 ed by inserting after section 492 the following:

11 **“SEC. 492A. LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY OF THE SEC-**  
 12 **RETARY TO PROPOSE OR ISSUE REGULA-**  
 13 **TIONS AND EXECUTIVE ACTIONS.**

14 “(a) DRAFT REGULATIONS.—Beginning after the  
 15 date of enactment of this section, a draft regulation imple-  
 16 menting this title (as described in section 492(b)(1)) that  
 17 is determined by the Secretary to be economically signifi-  
 18 cant shall be subject to the following requirements (re-  
 19 gardless of whether negotiated rulemaking occurs):

20 “(1) The Secretary shall determine whether the  
 21 draft regulation, if implemented, would result in an  
 22 increase in a subsidy cost resulting from a loan  
 23 modification.

24 “(2) If the Secretary determines under para-  
 25 graph (1) that the draft regulation would result in

1       an increase in a subsidy cost resulting from a loan  
2       modification, then the Secretary may take no further  
3       action with respect to such regulation.

4       “(b) PROPOSED OR FINAL REGULATIONS AND EXEC-  
5       UTIVE ACTIONS.—Beginning after the date of enactment  
6       of this section, the Secretary may not issue a proposed  
7       rule, final regulation, or executive action implementing  
8       this title if the Secretary determines that the rule, regula-  
9       tion, or executive action—

10               “(1) is economically significant; and

11               “(2) would result in an increase in a subsidy  
12       cost resulting from a loan modification.

13       “(c) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER REQUIREMENTS.—  
14       The analyses required under subsections (a) and (b) shall  
15       be in addition to any other cost analysis required under  
16       law for a regulation implementing this title, including any  
17       cost analysis that may be required pursuant to Executive  
18       Order 12866 (58 Fed. Reg. 51735; relating to regulatory  
19       planning and review), Executive Order 13563 (76 Fed.  
20       Reg. 3821; relating to improving regulation and regu-  
21       latory review), or any related or successor orders.

22       “(d) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘eco-  
23       nomically significant’, when used with respect to a draft,  
24       proposed, or final regulation or executive action, means

1 that the regulation or executive action is likely, as deter-  
 2 mined by the Secretary—

3 “(1) to have an annual effect on the economy  
 4 of \$100,000,000 or more; or

5 “(2) adversely to affect in a material way the  
 6 economy, a sector of the economy, productivity, com-  
 7 petition, jobs, the environment, public health or safe-  
 8 ty, or State, local, or tribal governments or commu-  
 9 nities.”.

## 10 **TITLE II—LOAN REFORMS**

### 11 **PART A—CURRENT BORROWERS**

#### 12 **SEC. 201. INCOME-CONTINGENT AND INCOME-BASED RE-** 13 **PAYMENT PLANS.**

14 (a) INCOME-CONTINGENT REPAYMENT.—

15 (1) EXCESSIVE INTEREST CAP.—Section 455(e)  
 16 (20 U.S.C. 1087e(e)) is amended by adding at the  
 17 end the following:

18 “(9) EXCESSIVE INTEREST CAP.—The Sec-  
 19 retary shall cancel any outstanding balance due on  
 20 all loans made under this part (other than an ex-  
 21 cepted PLUS Loan or an excepted Consolidation  
 22 Loan as such terms are defined in section 493C) to  
 23 a borrower—

24 “(A) for whom an income contingent re-  
 25 payment plan under this subsection is in effect,

1 without regard to the period of time for which  
2 such plan has been so in effect for such bor-  
3 rower;

4 “(B) who, in the absence of this para-  
5 graph, would not yet be eligible for loan can-  
6 cellation under such plan; and

7 “(C) who has repaid, pursuant to para-  
8 graph (7)—

9 “(i)(I) subject to subclause (II), an  
10 amount on such loans that is equal to the  
11 total amount of principal and interest that  
12 the borrower would have repaid under a  
13 standard repayment plan under section  
14 455(d)(1)(A), based on a 10-year repay-  
15 ment period, when the borrower entered  
16 repayment on such loans; or

17 “(II) in the case of a Federal Direct  
18 Consolidation Loan, an amount on such  
19 loan that is equal to the total amount of  
20 principal and interest that the borrower  
21 would have repaid under the repayment  
22 schedule established for such loan under  
23 section 428C(c)(2) on the date on which  
24 such loan was made; and

“(ii) an amount equal to the amount of any unpaid interest that has accrued, but was not included in the calculation of the total amount principal and interest that would have been repaid under the standard repayment plan or schedule described in clause (i)—

“(I) during any deferment period described in clause (i) or (ii) of section 455(f)(2)(A); and

“(II) during any forbearance period while serving in a medical or dental internship or residency program as described in section 428(c)(3)(A)(i)(I); and”.

(2) EXCESSIVE INTEREST CAP FOR DISTRESSED BORROWERS.—Section 455(e) (20 U.S.C. 1087e(e)) is further amended by adding at the end the following:

“(10) EXCESSIVE INTEREST CAP FOR DISTRESSED BORROWERS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall cancel the balance of interest due (in accordance with subparagraph (B)) on any loan made under this part (other than an excepted PLUS

1 or excepted consolidation loan (as defined in  
2 section 493C)) to a borrower—

3 “(i)(I) who has been in repayment for  
4 not less than a 10-year period on such  
5 loan; or

6 “(II) in the case of a Federal Direct  
7 Consolidation Loan, who has been in re-  
8 payment on such loan for not less than the  
9 repayment period under the repayment  
10 schedule established for such loan under  
11 section 428C(c)(2) on the date on which  
12 such loan was made; and

13 “(ii) whose first monthly payment on  
14 such loan pursuant to paragraph (7) that  
15 is not less than the full amount due on  
16 such loan for such month, after the date of  
17 enactment of the REAL Reforms Act, is  
18 insufficient to cover the interest that has  
19 accrued on such loan for such month, and  
20 results in higher balance of principal and  
21 interest on such loan.

22 “(B) AMOUNT OF INTEREST CANCELLA-  
23 TION.—The Secretary shall cancel the obliga-  
24 tion to repay the balance of interest due on

1           such loan as of the time of the payment de-  
 2           scribed in subparagraph (A)(ii) on such loan.”.

3       (b) INCOME-BASED REPAYMENT.—

4           (1) EXCESSIVE INTEREST CAP.—Section  
 5       493C(b)(7)(B) (20 U.S.C. 1098e(b)(7)(B)) is  
 6       amended—

7           (A) by redesignating clauses (i) through  
 8           (v) as subclauses (I) through (V), respectively,  
 9           and moving the margins accordingly;

10          (B) by striking the following:

11           “(B) for a period”; and inserting the fol-  
 12          lowing:

13           “(B)(i) for a period”;

14          (C) by inserting “or” at the end of clause  
 15          (i)(V), as so redesignated; and

16          (D) by adding at the end the following:

17           “(ii) in the absence of this clause,  
 18           would not yet be eligible for loan cancella-  
 19           tion or repayment under this paragraph,  
 20           and has repaid, pursuant to clause (i)—

21           “(I)(aa) subject to item (bb), an  
 22           amount on such loans that is equal to  
 23           the total amount of principal and in-  
 24           terest that the borrower would have  
 25           repaid under a standard repayment

1 plan under section 428(b)(9)(A)(i) or  
2 section 455(d)(1)(A), based on a 10-  
3 year repayment period, when the bor-  
4 rower entered repayment on such  
5 loans; or

6 “(bb) in the case of a Federal  
7 Direct Consolidation Loan or a loan  
8 made under section 428C, an amount  
9 on such loan that is equal to the total  
10 amount of principal and interest that  
11 the borrower would have repaid under  
12 the repayment schedule established  
13 for such loan under section  
14 428C(c)(2) on the date on which such  
15 loan was made; and

16 “(II) an amount equal to the  
17 amount of any unpaid interest that  
18 has accrued, but was not included in  
19 the calculation of the total amount  
20 principal and interest that would have  
21 been repaid under the standard repay-  
22 ment plan or schedule described in  
23 subclause (I)—

24 “(aa) during any deferment  
25 period described in section

1 427(a)(2)(C)(i) or  
 2 428(b)(1)(M)(i), or clause (i) or  
 3 (ii) of section 455(f)(2)(A); and  
 4 “(bb) during any forbear-  
 5 ance period while serving in a  
 6 medical or dental internship or  
 7 residency program as described  
 8 in section 428(c)(3)(A)(i)(I);”.

9 (2) CLARIFICATION OF REPAYMENT OF PART B  
 10 LOANS.—Section 493C(b) (20 U.S.C. 1098e(b)) is  
 11 further amended—

12 (A) by striking “and” at end of paragraph  
 13 (8);

14 (B) by striking the period at the end of  
 15 paragraph (9); and

16 (C) by adding the end the following:

17 “(10) in repaying under clause (ii) of para-  
 18 graph (7)(B) the outstanding balance of principal  
 19 and interest due on a loan made under part B to a  
 20 borrower who meets the requirements of such clause  
 21 (ii), or in repaying under subsection (g) the balance  
 22 of interest due on a loan made under part B to a  
 23 borrower who meets the requirements of such sub-  
 24 section (g), the Secretary shall—

1           “(A) enter into an agreement with the  
2 holder of such loan (or, if the holder acts as an  
3 eligible lender trustee for the beneficial owner  
4 of the loan, the beneficial owner of the loan) for  
5 the purpose of assuming the repayment obliga-  
6 tions of the borrower in accordance with sub-  
7 paragraph (B), except that the Secretary shall  
8 not assign to the United States the right to  
9 such loan;

10           “(B)(i) in the case of a repayment under  
11 paragraph (7)(B)(ii), assume the obligation of  
12 the borrower to repay the holder of such loan  
13 (or, if the holder acts as an eligible lender  
14 trustee for the beneficial owner of the loan, the  
15 beneficial owner of the loan) the total amount  
16 of principal and interest remaining to be repaid  
17 on such loan (after taking into account the  
18 amounts repaid by the borrower under para-  
19 graph (7)(B)(ii) and the Secretary under sub-  
20 section (g), if applicable) according to the terms  
21 and conditions, including the repayment sched-  
22 ule, that were in effect with respect to such  
23 loan on the day before the Secretary assumes  
24 such obligation; or

1 “(ii) in the case of a repayment under sub-  
2 section (g), assume the obligation of the bor-  
3 rower to repay the holder of such loan (or, if  
4 the holder acts as an eligible lender trustee for  
5 the beneficial owner of the loan, the beneficial  
6 owner of the loan) the balance of interest due  
7 on such loan as of the time of the payment de-  
8 scribed in subsection (g)(1)(B) on such loan ac-  
9 cording to the terms and conditions, including  
10 the repayment schedule, that were in effect with  
11 respect to such loan on the day before the Sec-  
12 retary assumes such obligation; and

13 “(C) ensure that the holder of such loan  
14 (or, if the holder acts as an eligible lender  
15 trustee for the beneficial owner of the loan, the  
16 beneficial owner of the loan) shall, upon enter-  
17 ing into an agreement described in subpara-  
18 graph (A) with respect to a loan of a borrower,  
19 reports to consumer reporting agencies that—

20 “(i) in the case of a repayment under  
21 paragraph (7)(B)(ii), the borrower’s liabil-  
22 ity on such loan has been discharged; and

23 “(ii) in the case of a repayment under  
24 subsection (g), the borrower’s liability has  
25 been discharged with respect to the bal-

1                   ance of the interest due on such loan as of  
2                   the time of the payment described in sub-  
3                   section (g)(1)(B) on such loan.”.

4                   (3) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—Section 493C  
5                   (20 U.S.C. 1098e) is amended by adding at the end  
6                   the following:

7                   “(f) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in sub-  
8                   section (b)(10) shall be construed to authorize the Sec-  
9                   retary to—

10                   “(1) revoke the rights to a special allowance  
11                   under section 438 of the holder (or, if the holder  
12                   acts as an eligible lender trustee for the beneficial  
13                   owner of the loan, the beneficial owner of the loan)  
14                   of the loans being repaid by the Secretary under  
15                   subsection (b)(10);

16                   “(2) prepay such loan ahead of repayment  
17                   schedule with respect to such loans described in sub-  
18                   paragraph (B) of subsection (b)(10); or

19                   “(3) use any authority or take any actions be-  
20                   yond what is authorized explicitly in subsection  
21                   (b)(10).”.

22                   (4) EXCESSIVE INTEREST CAP FOR DISTRESSED  
23                   BORROWERS.—Section 493C (20 U.S.C. 1098e) is  
24                   further amended by adding at the end the following:

1       “(g) EXCESSIVE INTEREST CAP FOR DISTRESSED  
2 BORROWERS.—

3               “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall repay  
4 or cancel the balance of interest due (in accordance  
5 with paragraph (2)) on any loan made under part B  
6 or D (other than an excepted PLUS or excepted  
7 consolidation loan) to a borrower—

8               “(A)(i) who has been in repayment for not  
9 less than a 10-year period on such loan; or

10              “(ii) in the case of a Federal Direct Con-  
11 solidation Loan or a consolidation loan under  
12 section 428C, who has been in repayment on  
13 such loan for not less than the repayment pe-  
14 riod under the repayment schedule established  
15 for such loan under section 428C(c)(2) on the  
16 date on which such loan was made; and

17              “(B) whose first monthly payment on such  
18 loan pursuant to subsection (b)(7) that is not  
19 less than the full amount due on such loan for  
20 such month, after the date of enactment of the  
21 REAL Reforms Act, is insufficient to cover the  
22 interest that has accrued on such loan for such  
23 month, and results in higher balance of prin-  
24 cipal and interest on such loan.

**PART B—LOAN REHABILITATION AND LOAN**

**LIMITS**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 428F(a)(5) (20 U.S.C.  
10 1078–6) is amended by striking “one time” and inserting  
11 “two times”.

(b) APPLICATION OF AMENDMENT.—The amendment made by this section shall apply to any borrower of a loan made, insured, or guaranteed under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 before, on, or after the date of enactment of this Act.

## 18 (a) GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS.—

19 (1) AGGREGATE AND ANNUAL LIMITS.—Section  
20 455(a) (20 U.S.C. 1087e(a)) is amended—

21 (A) in paragraph (3)—

(i) in subparagraph (A)(ii), by inserting before the period at the end the following: “, except that for any period of instruction beginning on or after July 1,

2023, and subject to subparagraph (D),  
such maximum annual amount may not ex-  
ceed \$25,000”; and

(ii) by adding at the end the fol-  
lowing:

“(C) AGGREGATE LIMITS.—Subject to sub-  
paragraph (D), for any period of instruction be-  
ginning on or after July 1, 2023, the maximum  
aggregate amount of loans under this part that  
a graduate or professional student may borrow  
for enrollment in a program of graduate or pro-  
fessional education shall be \$100,000.

“(D) EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN STU-  
DENTS.—The annual and aggregate limits de-  
scribed in subparagraphs (A)(ii) and (C) for  
any period of instruction beginning on or after  
July 1, 2023, shall not apply to any student en-  
rolled in a program of study as of June 30,  
2023, or any loans made under this part to (or  
on behalf of) such student, during the period  
required for the completion of such program.”.

(2) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY TO MAKE  
FEDERAL DIRECT PLUS LOANS TO GRADUATE AND  
PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS.—Section 455(a) (20

1 U.S.C. 1087e(a)) is further amended by adding at  
2 the end the following:

3 “(4) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY TO MAKE  
4 FEDERAL DIRECT PLUS LOANS TO GRADUATE AND  
5 PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS.—

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any  
7 provision of this part or part B, and except as  
8 otherwise provided in subparagraph (B), for  
9 any period of instruction beginning on or after  
10 July 1, 2023, a graduate or professional stu-  
11 dent shall not be eligible to receive a Federal  
12 Direct PLUS Loan under this part for enroll-  
13 ment in a program of graduate or professional  
14 education.

15 “(B) EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN STU-  
16 DENTS.—This paragraph shall not apply to any  
17 student enrolled in a program of study at an el-  
18 igible institution as of June 30, 2023, or any  
19 loans made under this part to (or on behalf of)  
20 such student, during the period required for the  
21 completion of such program.”.

22 (b) INSTITUTIONALLY DETERMINED LIMITS.—Sec-  
23 tion 455(a) (20 U.S.C. 1087e(a)) is further amended by  
24 adding at the end the following:

25 “(5) INSTITUTIONALLY DETERMINED LIMITS.—

1           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any  
2           other provision of this subsection, an eligible in-  
3           stitution (at the discretion of a financial aid ad-  
4           ministrator at the institution) may prorate or  
5           limit the amount of a loan any student (other  
6           than a student described in subparagraph (D))  
7           who is enrolled in a program of study for a pe-  
8           riod of instruction beginning on or after July 1,  
9           2023, at that institution, may borrow under  
10          this part for an academic year—

11                 “(i) if the institution can reasonably  
12                 demonstrate that student debt levels are or  
13                 would be excessive for such program, based  
14                 on—

15                         “(I) the most recently available  
16                         data from the Bureau of Labor Sta-  
17                         tistics for the average starting salary  
18                         in the region in which the institution  
19                         is located for typical occupations pur-  
20                         sued by graduates of such program;  
21                         or

22                         “(II) the most recently available  
23                         data from the College Scorecard (or  
24                         successor website) on—

1                   “(aa) the median earnings  
2                   of students who complete such  
3                   program; and

4                   “(bb) the median debt owed,  
5                   and the repayment rate, on loans  
6                   made under this part, of such  
7                   students;

8                   “(ii) in a case in which the student is  
9                   enrolled on a less than full-time basis or  
10                  the student is enrolled for less than the pe-  
11                  riod of enrollment to which the annual loan  
12                  limit applies under this subsection, based  
13                  on the student’s enrollment status;

14                  “(iii) based on the credential level  
15                  (such as a degree, certificate, or other rec-  
16                  ognized educational credential) that the  
17                  student would attain upon completion of  
18                  such program; or

19                  “(iv) based on the year of the pro-  
20                  gram for which the student is seeking such  
21                  loan.

22                  “(B) APPLICATION TO ALL STUDENTS.—  
23                  Any proration or limiting of loan amounts  
24                  under subparagraph (A) shall be applied in the

1 same manner to all students enrolled in the in-  
2 stitution or program of study.

3 “(C) INCREASES FOR INDIVIDUAL STU-  
4 DENTS.—Upon the request of a student whose  
5 loan amount for an academic year has been  
6 prorated or limited under subparagraph (A), an  
7 eligible institution (at the discretion of the fi-  
8 nancial aid administrator at the institution)  
9 may increase such loan amount to an amount  
10 not exceeding the annual loan amount applica-  
11 ble to such student under this paragraph for  
12 such academic year if such student dem-  
13 onstrates special circumstances or exceptional  
14 need.

15 “(D) EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN STU-  
16 DENTS.—This paragraph shall not apply to any  
17 student enrolled in a program of study at an el-  
18 igible institution as of June 30, 2023, or any  
19 loans made under this part to (or on behalf of)  
20 such student, during the period required for the  
21 completion of such program.”.

1   **PART C—REPAYMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS**  
 2   **FOR LOANS MADE ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2023**  
 3   **SEC. 221. REPAYMENT TERMS FOR FEDERAL DIRECT CON-**  
 4   **SOLIDATION LOANS.**

5       Section 428C(c) (20 U.S.C. 1078–3(c)) is amended—

6           (1) in paragraph (2)(A), in the first sentence of  
 7       subparagraph (A), by inserting “, including income-  
 8       based repayment schedules under section 460A, in  
 9       the case of Federal Direct Consolidation Loans  
 10      made on or after July 1, 2023” after “income-based  
 11      repayment schedules”; and

12          (2) in paragraph (3)—

13           (A) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “or  
 14       an income-based repayment schedule under sec-  
 15       tion 460A” after “section 493C”; and

16           (B) in subparagraph (C), by inserting “or  
 17       an income-based repayment schedule under sec-  
 18       tion 460A” after “section 493C”.

19   **SEC. 222. REPAYMENT INCENTIVES.**

20       (a) AMENDMENT.—Section 455(b)(9)(C) (20 U.S.C.  
 21   1087e(b)(9)(C)) is amended by inserting “(which in the  
 22   case of a loan for which the first disbursement of principal  
 23   is made on or after July 1, 2023, may not exceed than  
 24   0.25 percentage points)” after “interest rate reduction”.

25       (b) APPLICATION OF AMENDMENT.—The amendment  
 26   made by this section shall not apply to any borrower who

1 is a student enrolled in a program of study at an institu-  
 2 tion of higher education (as defined in section 102 of the  
 3 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002)) as of  
 4 June 30, 2023, or any loans made under part D of title  
 5 IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087a  
 6 et seq.) to (or on behalf of) such student, during the pe-  
 7 riod required for the completion of such program.

8 **SEC. 223. REPAYMENT PLANS.**

9 Section 455(d) (20 U.S.C. 1087e(d)) is amended by  
 10 adding at the end the following:

11 “(6) REPAYMENT PLANS FOR LOANS MADE ON  
 12 OR AFTER JULY 1, 2023.—

13 “(A) DESIGN AND SELECTION.—Notwith-  
 14 standing paragraph (1) and except as provided  
 15 in subparagraph (E), the Secretary shall offer  
 16 a borrower of a loan made under this part on  
 17 or after July 1, 2023, two plans for repayment  
 18 of such loan, including principal and interest on  
 19 the loan. The borrower shall be entitled to ac-  
 20 celerate, without penalty, repayment on such  
 21 loans. The borrower may choose—

22 “(i) a standard repayment plan with a  
 23 fixed monthly repayment amount paid over  
 24 a fixed period of time, not to exceed 10  
 25 years; or

1                   “(ii) an income-based repayment plan  
2                   under section 460A.

3                   “(B) SELECTION BY SECRETARY.—If such  
4                   borrower does not select a repayment plan de-  
5                   scribed in subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall  
6                   provide the borrower with the repayment plan  
7                   described in subparagraph (A)(i).

8                   “(C) CHANGES IN SELECTION.—

9                   “(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clause  
10                  (ii), a borrower may change the borrower’s  
11                  selection of a repayment plan under sub-  
12                  paragraph (A), or the Secretary’s selection  
13                  of a plan for the borrower under subpara-  
14                  graph (B), as the case may be, under such  
15                  terms and conditions as may be established  
16                  by the Secretary, except that the Secretary  
17                  may not establish any terms or conditions  
18                  with respect to whether a borrower may  
19                  change the borrower’s repayment plan.  
20                  Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit  
21                  the Secretary from encouraging struggling  
22                  borrowers from enrolling in the income-  
23                  based repayment plan under section 460A.

24                  “(ii) SAME REPAYMENT PLAN RE-  
25                  QUIRED.—All loans made under this part

1 on or after July 1, 2023, to a borrower  
2 shall be repaid under the same repayment  
3 plan under subparagraph (A), except that  
4 the borrower may repay an excepted PLUS  
5 loan or an excepted consolidation loan (as  
6 such terms are defined in section 493C(a))  
7 separately from other loans made under  
8 this part to the borrower.

9 “(D) REPAYMENT AFTER DEFAULT.—The  
10 Secretary may require a borrower who has de-  
11 faulted on a loan made under this part on or  
12 after July 1, 2023, to—

13 “(i) pay all reasonable collection costs  
14 associated with such loan; and

15 “(ii) repay the loan pursuant to the  
16 income-based repayment plan under sec-  
17 tion 460A.

18 “(E) EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN BOR-  
19 ROWERS.—This paragraph shall not apply to  
20 any borrower who is student who is enrolled in  
21 a program of study at an institution of higher  
22 education as of June 30, 2023, or any loans  
23 made to (or on behalf of) such borrower, during  
24 the period required for the completion of such  
25 program.

1                   “(F) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing  
 2                   in this paragraph shall be construed to author-  
 3                   ize, with respect to a borrower of loans made  
 4                   under this part on or after July 1, 2023—

5                   “(i) eligibility for a repayment plan  
 6                   that is not described in clause (i) or (ii) of  
 7                   subparagraph (A); or

8                   “(ii) the Secretary to—

9                   “(I) carry out a repayment plan  
 10                  that is not described in such clause (i)  
 11                  or (ii); or

12                  “(II) modify a repayment plan  
 13                  that is described in such clause (i) or  
 14                  (ii).”.

15 **SEC. 224. PUBLIC SERVICE LOAN FORGIVENESS.**

16           (a) AMENDMENT.—Section 455(m)(3)(A) (20 U.S.C.  
 17 1087e(m)(3)(A)) is amended by inserting before the pe-  
 18 riod at the end the following: “that was made before July  
 19 1, 2023”.

20           (b) APPLICATION OF AMENDMENT.—The amendment  
 21 made by this section shall not apply to any borrower who  
 22 is a student enrolled in a program of study at an institu-  
 23 tion of higher education (as defined in section 102 of the  
 24 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002)) as of  
 25 June 30, 2023, or any loans made under part D of title

1 IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087a  
 2 et seq.) to (or on behalf of) such student, during the pe-  
 3 riod required for the completion of such program.

4 **SEC. 225. INCOME-BASED REPAYMENT PLAN.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW IBR.—Part D of title  
 6 IV (20 U.S.C. 1087e et seq.) is further amended by add-  
 7 ing at the end the following:

8 **“SEC. 460A. INCOME-BASED REPAYMENT PROGRAM.**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other pro-  
 10 vision of this Act, the Secretary shall carry out a program  
 11 under which—

12 “(1) a borrower (other than a borrower de-  
 13 scribed in section 455(d)(6)(E)) of a loan made  
 14 under this part on or after July 1, 2023, may elect  
 15 to have the borrower’s aggregate monthly payment  
 16 for all such loans (other than an excepted PLUS  
 17 Loan or excepted Consolidation Loan) made to the  
 18 borrower—

19 “(A) not to exceed the result obtained by  
 20 dividing by 12, 15 percent of the result ob-  
 21 tained by calculating, on at least an annual  
 22 basis, the amount by which—

23 “(i) the adjusted gross income of the  
 24 borrower or, if the borrower is married and  
 25 files a Federal income tax return jointly

1 with or separately from the borrower's  
2 spouse, the adjusted gross income of the  
3 borrower and the borrower's spouse; ex-  
4 ceeds

5 “(ii) 150 percent of the poverty line  
6 applicable to the borrower's family size as  
7 determined under section 673(2) of the  
8 Community Services Block Grant Act (42  
9 U.S.C. 9902(2)); and

10 “(B) not to be less than \$25;

11 “(2) the Secretary shall apply the borrower's  
12 monthly payment under this section first toward in-  
13 terest due on such a loan, next toward any fees due  
14 on the loan, and then toward the principal of the  
15 loan;

16 “(3) any principal due and not paid under  
17 paragraph (2) shall be deferred;

18 “(4) the amount of time the borrower makes  
19 monthly payments under paragraph (1) may exceed  
20 10 years;

21 “(5) the Secretary shall cancel any outstanding  
22 balance due on all loans made on or after July 1,  
23 2023, under this part (other than an excepted  
24 PLUS Loan or an excepted Consolidation Loan) to  
25 the borrower—

1           “(A) who, at any time, elected to partici-  
2           pate in income-based repayment under para-  
3           graph (1);

4           “(B) whose final monthly payment for  
5           such loans prior to the loan cancellation under  
6           this paragraph was made under such income-  
7           based repayment; and

8           “(C) who has repaid, pursuant to income-  
9           based repayment under paragraph (1), a stand-  
10          ard repayment plan under section  
11          455(d)(6)(A)(i), or a combination, or in the  
12          case of consolidation loans, a repayment sched-  
13          ule described in clause (i)(II)—

14               “(i)(I) except as otherwise provided in  
15               subclause (II), an amount on such loans  
16               that is equal to the total amount of prin-  
17               cipal and interest that the borrower would  
18               have repaid under a standard repayment  
19               plan under section 455(d)(6)(A)(i), based  
20               on a 10-year repayment period, when the  
21               borrower entered repayment on such loans;  
22               or

23               “(II) in the case of a Federal Direct  
24               Consolidation Loan, an amount on such  
25               loan that is equal to the total amount of

1 principal and interest that the borrower  
2 would have repaid under the repayment  
3 schedule established for such loan under  
4 section 428C(c)(2) on the date on which  
5 such loan was made; and

6 “(ii) an amount equal to the amount  
7 of any unpaid interest that has accrued,  
8 but was not included in the calculation of  
9 the total amount principal and interest  
10 that would have been repaid under the  
11 standard repayment plan or schedule de-  
12 scribed in clause (i), during any period of  
13 deferment under subparagraph (A), (B), or  
14 (F) of section 460B(b)(1); and

15 “(6) a borrower who is repaying a loan made  
16 under this part pursuant to income-based repayment  
17 under paragraph (1) may elect, at any time, to ter-  
18 minate repayment pursuant to such income-based  
19 repayment and repay such loan under the standard  
20 repayment plan.

21 “(b) ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATIONS.—The Secretary  
22 shall establish and implement with respect to any borrower  
23 who chooses to repay a loan made under this part pursu-  
24 ant to income-based repayment under this section proce-  
25 dures to—

1           “(1) use return information disclosed under sec-  
2           tion 6103(l)(13) of the Internal Revenue Code of  
3           1986, pursuant to approval provided under section  
4           494, to determine the repayment obligation of the  
5           borrower without further action by the borrower;

6           “(2) allow the borrower (or the spouse of the  
7           borrower), at any time, to opt out of disclosure  
8           under such section 6103(l)(13) and instead provide  
9           such information as the Secretary may require to de-  
10          termine the repayment obligation of the borrower (or  
11          withdraw from the repayment plan under this sub-  
12          section); and

13          “(3) provide the borrower with an opportunity  
14          to update the return information so disclosed before  
15          the determination of the repayment obligation of the  
16          borrower.

17          “(c) NOTIFICATION TO BORROWERS.—The Secretary  
18          shall establish procedures under which a borrower of a  
19          loan made under this part who chooses to repay such loan  
20          pursuant to income-based repayment under this section is  
21          notified of the terms and conditions of such plan, includ-  
22          ing notification that if a borrower considers that special  
23          circumstances, such as a loss of employment by the bor-  
24          rower or the borrower’s spouse, warrant an adjustment in  
25          the borrower’s loan repayment as determined using the

1 borrower’s Federal tax return information, or the alter-  
2 native documentation described in subsection (b)(2), the  
3 borrower may contact the Secretary, who shall determine  
4 whether such adjustment is appropriate, in accordance  
5 with criteria established by the Secretary.

6 “(d) REDUCED PAYMENT PERIODS.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall author-  
8 ize borrowers meeting the criteria under paragraph  
9 (2) to make monthly payments of \$5 for a period  
10 not in excess of 3 years, except that—

11 “(A) for purposes of paragraph (2)(A), the  
12 Secretary may authorize reduced payments in  
13 6-month increments, beginning on the date the  
14 borrower provides to the Secretary the evidence  
15 described in paragraph (2)(A)(i); and

16 “(B) for purposes of paragraph (2)(B), the  
17 Secretary may authorize reduced payments in  
18 3-month increments, beginning on the date the  
19 borrower provides to the Secretary the evidence  
20 described in paragraph (2)(B)(i).

21 “(2) ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATIONS.—The Sec-  
22 retary shall authorize borrowers to make reduced  
23 payments under this subsection in the following cir-  
24 cumstances:

1           “(A) In a case of borrower who is seeking  
2           and unable to find full-time employment, as  
3           demonstrated by providing to the Secretary—

4                   “(i) evidence of the borrower’s eligi-  
5                   bility for unemployment benefits to the  
6                   Secretary; or

7                   “(ii) the borrower recertifies the rea-  
8                   son for the \$5 monthly payment under this  
9                   subparagraph.

10           “(B) The Secretary determines that, due  
11           to high medical expenses, the \$25 monthly pay-  
12           ment the borrower would otherwise make would  
13           be an extreme economic hardship to the bor-  
14           rower, if—

15                   “(i) the borrower documents the rea-  
16                   son why the \$25 minimum payment is an  
17                   extreme economic hardship; and

18                   “(ii) the borrower recertifies the rea-  
19                   son for the \$5 minimum payment on a  
20                   three-month basis.

21           “(3) DEFINITION.—For purpose of this sub-  
22           section, the term ‘full-time employment’ means em-  
23           ployment that will provide not less than 30 hours of  
24           work a week and is expected to continue for a period  
25           of not less than 3 months.

1 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

2 “(1) ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME.—The term ‘ad-  
3 justed gross income’ has the meaning given the term  
4 in section 62 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

5 “(2) EXCEPTED CONSOLIDATION LOAN.—The  
6 term ‘excepted Consolidation Loan’ means a Federal  
7 Direct Consolidation Loan, if the proceeds of such  
8 loan were used to the discharge the liability on—

9 “(A) an excepted PLUS loan; or

10 “(B) a Federal Direct Consolidation loan,  
11 if the proceeds of such loan were used to dis-  
12 charge the liability on an excepted PLUS loan.

13 “(3) EXCEPTED PLUS LOAN.—The term ‘ex-  
14 cepted PLUS Loan’ has the meaning given the term  
15 in section 493C.”.

16 (b) PROCEDURE AND REQUIREMENTS FOR REQUEST-  
17 ING TAX RETURN INFORMATION FROM THE IRS.—Sec-  
18 tion 494(a) (20 U.S.C. 1098h(a)) is amended by adding  
19 at the end the following:

20 “(4) INCOME-BASED REPAYMENT FOR LOANS  
21 MADE ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2023.—

22 “(A) NEW APPLICANTS.—In the case of  
23 any written or electronic application by an indi-  
24 vidual for an income-based repayment plan  
25 under section 460A for a loan made under part

1           D on after July 1, 2023, the Secretary, with re-  
2           spect to such individual and any spouse of such  
3           individual, shall—

4                   “(i) provide to such individuals the  
5                   notification described in paragraph  
6                   (1)(A)(i); and

7                   “(ii) require, as a condition of eligi-  
8                   bility for such repayment plan, that such  
9                   individuals—

10                   “(I) affirmatively approve the  
11                   disclosures described in subclauses (I)  
12                   and (II) of paragraph (1)(A)(i), to the  
13                   extent applicable, and agree that such  
14                   approval shall serve as an ongoing ap-  
15                   proval of such disclosures until the  
16                   date on which the individual elects to  
17                   opt out of such disclosures under sec-  
18                   tion 465(b)(2); or

19                   “(II) provide such information as  
20                   the Secretary may require to confirm  
21                   the eligibility of such individual for  
22                   such repayment plan.

23                   “(B) RECERTIFICATIONS.—With respect to  
24                   the first written or electronic recertification  
25                   (after the date of the enactment of the REAL

1           Reforms Act) of an individual’s income or fam-  
 2           ily size for purposes of an income-based repay-  
 3           ment plan under section 460A (entered into be-  
 4           fore the date of the enactment of the REAL  
 5           Reforms Act) for a loan under part D, the Sec-  
 6           retary, with respect to such individual and any  
 7           spouse of such individual, shall meet the re-  
 8           quirements of clauses (i) and (ii) of subpara-  
 9           graph (A) with respect to such recertification.”.

10 **SEC. 226. DEFERMENT ON LOANS MADE ON OR AFTER JULY**  
 11 **1, 2023.**

12           (a) IN GENERAL.—Part D of title IV (20 U.S.C.  
 13 1087e et seq.) is further amended by adding at the end  
 14 the following:

15 **“SEC. 460B. DEFERMENT ON LOANS MADE ON OR AFTER**  
 16 **JULY 1, 2023.**

17           “(a) EFFECT ON PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST.—

18                   “(1) IN GENERAL.—A borrower (other than a  
 19 borrower described in section 455(d)(6)(E)) of a  
 20 loan made under this part on or after July 1,  
 21 2023—

22                           “(A) who meets the requirements described  
 23 in subsection (b) shall be eligible for a  
 24 deferment on such loan during which install-  
 25 ments of principal need not be paid and, as

1 specified in paragraph (2), interest shall not ac-  
 2 crue, or shall accrue and be paid by the bor-  
 3 rower; and

4 “(B) may not be eligible for a deferment or  
 5 forbearance under section 455(f) or any other  
 6 provision of this Act (other than forbearance  
 7 under section 455(l), forbearance under section  
 8 685.205(a) of title 34, Code of Federal Regula-  
 9 tions (or successor regulations), or deferment  
 10 under section 493D).

11 “(2) EFFECT ON INTEREST.—

12 “(A) NO ACCRUAL OF INTEREST ON SUB-  
 13 SIDIZED LOANS.—With respect to a deferment  
 14 period described in subparagraphs (A) through  
 15 (D) of subsection (b)(1), interest—

16 “(i) shall not accrue, in the case of  
 17 a—

18 “(I) Federal Direct Stafford  
 19 Loan; or

20 “(II) a Federal Direct Consolida-  
 21 tion Loan that consolidated only Fed-  
 22 eral Direct Stafford Loans, or a com-  
 23 bination of such loans and Federal  
 24 Stafford Loans for which the student

1 borrower received an interest subsidy  
2 under section 428; or

3 “(ii) shall accrue or be paid by the  
4 borrower, in the case of a Federal Direct  
5 PLUS Loan, a Federal Direct Unsub-  
6 sidized Stafford Loan, or a Federal Direct  
7 Consolidation Loan not described in clause  
8 (i)(II).

9 “(B) INTEREST ACCRUAL ON ALL  
10 LOANS.—With respect to a deferment period de-  
11 scribed in subparagraph (E) or (F) of sub-  
12 section (b)(1), or paragraph (2), (3)(A), or (4),  
13 interest shall accrue or be paid by the borrower,  
14 in the case of any loan made under this part.

15 “(C) NO ACCRUAL OF INTEREST ON ANY  
16 LOAN.—With respect to a deferment period de-  
17 scribed in paragraph (3)(B) or paragraph (5),  
18 interest shall not accrue, in the case of any loan  
19 made under this part.

20 “(b) ELIGIBILITY.—Any borrower described in sub-  
21 section (a) shall be eligible for a deferment on a loan made  
22 under this part on or after July 1, 2023—

23 “(1) during any period during which the bor-  
24 rower—

1           “(A) is carrying at least one-half the nor-  
2           mal full-time work load for the course of study  
3           that the borrower is pursuing, as determined by  
4           the eligible institution the borrower is attend-  
5           ing;

6           “(B) is pursuing a course of study pursu-  
7           ant to—

8                   “(i) an eligible graduate fellowship  
9                   program in accordance with subsection (g);  
10                  or

11                   “(ii) an eligible rehabilitation training  
12                   program for individuals with disabilities in  
13                   accordance with subsection (i);

14           “(C) is serving on active duty during a war  
15           or other military operation or national emer-  
16           gency, and for the 180-day period following the  
17           demobilization date for such service;

18           “(D) is performing qualifying National  
19           Guard duty during a war or other military op-  
20           eration or national emergency, and for the 180-  
21           day period following the demobilization date for  
22           such service;

23           “(E) is a member of the National Guard  
24           who is not eligible for a post-active duty  
25           deferment under section 493D and is engaged

1 in active State duty for a period of more than  
2 30 consecutive days beginning—

3 “(i) the day after 6 months after the  
4 date the student ceases to carry at least  
5 one-half the normal full-time academic  
6 workload (as determined by the institu-  
7 tion); or

8 “(ii) the day after the borrower ceases  
9 enrollment on at least a half-time basis, for  
10 a loan in repayment; or

11 “(F) is serving in a medical or dental in-  
12 ternship or residency program, the successful  
13 completion of which is required to begin profes-  
14 sional practice or service, or is serving in a  
15 medical or dental internship or residency pro-  
16 gram leading to a degree or certificate awarded  
17 by an institution of higher education, a hos-  
18 pital, or a health care facility that offers post-  
19 graduate training;

20 “(2) during a period sufficient to enable the  
21 borrower to resume honoring the agreement to repay  
22 the outstanding balance of principal and interest on  
23 the loan after default, if—

24 “(A) the borrower signs a new agreement  
25 to repay such outstanding balance;

1           “(B) the deferment period is limited to  
2           120 days; and

3           “(C) such deferment is not granted for  
4           consecutive periods;

5           “(3) during a period of administrative  
6           deferment—

7           “(A) described in paragraphs (1) through  
8           (4) of subsection (j); or

9           “(B) described in subsection (j)(5);

10          “(4) in the case of a borrower of an excepted  
11          PLUS Loan or an excepted Consolidation Loan,  
12          during a period described in subsection (k); or

13          “(5) during a period in which such borrower is  
14          receiving treatment for cancer (in this paragraph re-  
15          ferred to as the ‘treatment period’), and the 6-  
16          month period after such treatment period (in this  
17          paragraph referred to as the ‘post-treatment pe-  
18          riod’), except that, notwithstanding subsection (a),  
19          interest shall not accrue during any such treatment  
20          period or post-treatment period.

21          “(c) LENGTH OF DEFERMENT.—A deferment grant-  
22          ed by the Secretary—

23          “(1) under subparagraph (F) of subsection  
24          (b)(1) shall be renewable at 12 month intervals; and

1           “(2) under subparagraph (F) of subsection  
2           (b)(1) shall equal the length of time remaining in  
3           the borrower’s medical or dental internship or resi-  
4           dency program.

5           “(d) REQUEST AND DOCUMENTATION.—The Sec-  
6           retary shall determine the eligibility of a borrower for a  
7           deferment under paragraph (1), (2), or (4) of subsection  
8           (b), based on—

9           “(1) the receipt of a request for a deferment  
10          from the borrower, and documentation of the bor-  
11          rower’s eligibility for the deferment;

12          “(2) receipt of a completed loan application  
13          that documents the borrower’s eligibility for a  
14          deferment;

15          “(3) receipt of a student status information  
16          documenting that the borrower is enrolled on at  
17          least a half-time basis; or

18          “(4) the Secretary’s confirmation of the bor-  
19          rower’s half-time enrollment status, if the confirma-  
20          tion is requested by the institution of higher edu-  
21          cation.

22          “(e) NOTIFICATION.—The Secretary shall—

23          “(1) notify a borrower of a loan made under  
24          this part—

1           “(A) the granting of a deferment under  
2           this subsection on such loan; and

3           “(B) the option of the borrower to con-  
4           tinue making payments on the outstanding bal-  
5           ance of principal and interest on such loan in  
6           accordance with subsection (f);

7           “(2) at the time the Secretary grants a  
8           deferment to a borrower of a loan made under this  
9           part, and not less frequently than once every 180  
10          days during the period of such deferment, provide  
11          information to the borrower to assist the borrower in  
12          understanding—

13           “(A) the effect of granting a deferment on  
14           the total amount to be paid under the income-  
15           based repayment plan under 460A;

16           “(B) interest shall not accrue, or shall ac-  
17           crue or be paid by the borrower, as specified in  
18           subsection (a)(2);

19           “(C) the amount of unpaid principal and  
20           the amount of interest that has accrued since  
21           the last statement of such amounts provided to  
22           the borrower; and

23           “(D) the borrower’s option to discontinue  
24           the deferment at any time.

1       “(f) PAYMENTS BY BORROWERS AUTHORIZED.—A  
2 borrower may make payments on the outstanding balance  
3 of principal and interest on a loan made under this part  
4 during any period of deferment granted under this sub-  
5 section.

6       “(g) GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP DEFERMENT.—

7               “(1) IN GENERAL.—A borrower of a loan under  
8 this part is eligible for a deferment under subsection  
9 (b)(1)(B)(i) during any period for which an author-  
10 ized official of the borrower’s graduate fellowship  
11 program certifies that the borrower meets the re-  
12 quirements of paragraph (2) and is pursuing a  
13 course of study pursuant to an eligible graduate fel-  
14 lowship program.

15              “(2) BORROWER REQUIREMENTS.—A borrower  
16 meets the requirements of this subparagraph if the  
17 borrower—

18                      “(A) holds at least a baccalaureate degree  
19 conferred by an institution of higher education;

20                      “(B) has been accepted or recommended  
21 by an institution of higher education for accept-  
22 ance on a full-time basis into an eligible grad-  
23 uate fellowship program; and

1           “(C) is not serving in a medical internship  
2           or residency program, except for a residency  
3           program in dentistry.

4           “(h) TREATMENT OF STUDY OUTSIDE THE UNITED  
5 STATES.—

6           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall treat,  
7           in the same manner as required under section  
8           428(b)(4), any course of study at a foreign univer-  
9           sity that is accepted for the completion of a recog-  
10          nized international fellowship program by the admin-  
11          istrator of such a program as an eligible graduate  
12          fellowship program.

13          “(2) REQUESTS FOR DEFERMENT.—Requests  
14          for deferment of repayment of loans under this sub-  
15          section by students engaged in graduate or post-  
16          graduate fellowship-supported study (such as pursu-  
17          ant to a Fulbright grant) outside the United States  
18          shall be approved until completion of the period of  
19          the fellowship, in the same manner as required  
20          under section 428(b)(4).

21          “(i) REHABILITATION TRAINING PROGRAM  
22 DEFERMENT.—A borrower of a loan under this part is  
23 eligible for a deferment under subsection (b)(1)(B)(ii) dur-  
24 ing any period for which an authorized official of the bor-  
25 rower’s rehabilitation training program certifies that the

1 borrower is pursuing an eligible rehabilitation training  
2 program for individuals with disabilities.

3 “(j) ADMINISTRATIVE DEFERMENTS.—The Secretary  
4 may grant a deferment to a borrower without requiring  
5 a request and documentation from the borrower under  
6 subsection (d) for—

7 “(1) a period during which the borrower was  
8 delinquent at the time a deferment is granted, in-  
9 cluding a period for which scheduled payments of  
10 principal and interest were overdue at the time such  
11 deferment is granted;

12 “(2) a period during which the borrower was  
13 granted a deferment under this subsection but for  
14 which the Secretary determines the borrower should  
15 not have qualified;

16 “(3) a period necessary for the Secretary to de-  
17 termine the borrower’s eligibility for the cancellation  
18 of the obligation of the borrower to repay the loan  
19 under section 437;

20 “(4) a period during which the Secretary has  
21 authorized deferment due to a national military mo-  
22 bilization or other local or national emergency; or

23 “(5) a period not to exceed 60 days, during  
24 which interest shall accrue but not be capitalized, if  
25 the Secretary reasonably determines that a suspen-

1 sion of collection activity is warranted to enable the  
2 Secretary to process supporting documentation relat-  
3 ing to a borrower’s request—

4 “(A) for a deferment under this sub-  
5 section;

6 “(B) for a change in repayment plan under  
7 section 455(d)(6); or

8 “(C) to consolidate loans under this part.

9 “(k) DEFERMENTS FOR EXCEPTED PLUS LOANS OR  
10 EXCEPTED CONSOLIDATION LOANS.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A qualified borrower shall  
12 be eligible for deferments under paragraphs (3)  
13 through (5).

14 “(2) QUALIFIED BORROWER DEFINED.—In this  
15 subsection, the term ‘qualified borrower’ means a  
16 borrower of an excepted PLUS Loan or an excepted  
17 consolidation loan.

18 “(3) ECONOMIC HARDSHIP DEFERMENT.—

19 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A qualified borrower  
20 shall be eligible for a deferment during periods,  
21 not to exceed 3 years in total, during which the  
22 qualified borrower experiences an economic  
23 hardship described in subparagraph (B).

1           “(B) ECONOMIC HARDSHIP.—An economic  
2           hardship described in this clause is a period  
3           during which the qualified borrower—

4                   “(i) is receiving payment under a  
5                   means-tested benefit program;

6                   “(ii) is employed full-time and the  
7                   monthly gross income of the qualified bor-  
8                   rower does not exceed the greater of—

9                           “(I) the minimum wage rate de-  
10                          scribed in section 6 of the Fair Labor  
11                          Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C.  
12                          206); or

13                           “(II) an amount equal to 150  
14                          percent of the poverty line; or

15                           “(iii) demonstrates that the sum of  
16                          the qualified borrower’s monthly payments  
17                          on the qualified borrower’s excepted PLUS  
18                          Loan or an excepted consolidation loan is  
19                          not less than 20 percent of the qualified  
20                          borrower’s monthly gross income.

21           “(C) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to re-  
22           ceive a deferment under this subparagraph, a  
23           qualified borrower shall submit to the Sec-  
24           retary—

1 “(i) for the first period of deferment  
2 under this subparagraph, evidence showing  
3 the monthly gross income of the qualified  
4 borrower; and

5 “(ii) for a subsequent period of  
6 deferment that begins less than one year  
7 after the end of a period of deferment  
8 granted under this subparagraph—

9 “(I) evidence showing the month-  
10 ly gross income of the qualified bor-  
11 rower; or

12 “(II) the qualified borrower’s  
13 most recently filed Federal income tax  
14 return, if such a return was filed in  
15 either of the two tax years preceding  
16 the year in which the qualified bor-  
17 rower requests the subsequent period  
18 of deferment.

19 “(4) UNEMPLOYMENT DEFERMENT.—

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A qualified borrower  
21 shall be eligible for a deferment for periods dur-  
22 ing which the qualified borrower is seeking, and  
23 is unable to find, full-time employment.

24 “(B) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to re-  
25 ceive an deferment under this subparagraph, a

1 qualified borrower shall submit to the Sec-  
2 retary—

3 “(i) evidence of the qualified bor-  
4 rower’s eligibility for unemployment bene-  
5 fits; or

6 “(ii) for requests submitted after the  
7 initial request, written confirmation, or an  
8 equivalent as approved by the Secretary,  
9 that the qualified borrower has made at  
10 least six diligent attempts during the pre-  
11 ceding six-month period to secure full-time  
12 employment.

13 “(C) TERMS OF DEFERMENT.—The fol-  
14 lowing terms shall apply to a deferment under  
15 this subparagraph:

16 “(i) INITIAL PERIOD.—The first  
17 deferment granted to a qualified borrower  
18 under this subparagraph may be for a pe-  
19 riod of unemployment beginning not more  
20 than 6 months before the date on which  
21 the Secretary receives the qualified bor-  
22 rower’s request for deferment and may be  
23 granted for a period of up to 6 months  
24 after that date.

1                   “(ii) RENEWALS.—Deferments under  
2                   this subparagraph shall be renewable at 6-  
3                   month intervals beginning after the expira-  
4                   tion of the first period of deferment under  
5                   clause (i). To be eligible to renew a  
6                   deferment under this subparagraph, a  
7                   qualified borrower shall submit to the Sec-  
8                   retary the information described in sub-  
9                   paragraph (B)(i).

10                   “(iii) AGGREGATE LIMIT.—The period  
11                   of all deferments granted to a borrower  
12                   under this subparagraph may not exceed 3  
13                   years in aggregate.

14                   “(5) HEALTH DEFERMENT.—

15                   “(A) IN GENERAL.—A qualified borrower  
16                   shall be eligible for a deferment during periods  
17                   in which the qualified borrower is unable to  
18                   make scheduled loan payments due to high  
19                   medical expenses, as determined by the Sec-  
20                   retary.

21                   “(B) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to re-  
22                   ceive a deferment under this subparagraph, a  
23                   qualified borrower shall—

24                   “(i) submit to the Secretary docu-  
25                   mentation demonstrating that making

1 scheduled loan payments would be an ex-  
2 tremе economic hardship to the borrower  
3 due to high medical expenses, as deter-  
4 mined by the Secretary; and

5 “(ii) resubmit such documentation to  
6 the Secretary not less frequently than once  
7 every 3 months.

8 “(l) PROHIBITIONS.—

9 “(1) PROHIBITION ON FEES.—No administra-  
10 tive fee or other fee may be charged to the borrower  
11 in connection with the granting of a deferment  
12 under this subsection.

13 “(2) PROHIBITION ON ADVERSE CREDIT RE-  
14 PORTING.—No adverse information relating to a bor-  
15 rower may be reported to a consumer reporting  
16 agency solely because of the granting of a deferment  
17 under this subsection.

18 “(3) LIMITATION ON AUTHORITY.—The Sec-  
19 retary shall not, through regulation or otherwise, au-  
20 thorize additional deferment options or periods of  
21 deferment other than the deferment options and pe-  
22 riods of deferment authorized under this subsection.

23 “(m) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

24 “(1) ELIGIBLE GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP PRO-  
25 GRAM.—The term ‘eligible graduate fellowship pro-

1       gram’, when used with respect to a course of study  
2       pursued by the borrower of a loan under this part,  
3       means a fellowship program that—

4               “(A) provides sufficient financial support  
5       to graduate fellows to allow for full-time study  
6       for at least six months;

7               “(B) requires a written statement from  
8       each applicant explaining the applicant’s objec-  
9       tives before the award of that financial support;

10              “(C) requires a graduate fellow to submit  
11       periodic reports, projects, or evidence of the fel-  
12       low’s progress; and

13              “(D) in the case of a course of study at an  
14       institution of higher education outside the  
15       United States described in section 102, accepts  
16       the course of study for completion of the fellow-  
17       ship program.

18              “(2) ELIGIBLE REHABILITATION TRAINING  
19       PROGRAM FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.—  
20       The term ‘eligible rehabilitation training program  
21       for individuals with disabilities’, when used with re-  
22       spect a course of study pursued by the borrower of  
23       a loan under this part, means a program that—

1           “(A) is necessary to assist an individual  
2           with a disability in preparing for, securing, re-  
3           taining, or regaining employment;

4           “(B) is licensed, approved, certified, or  
5           otherwise recognized as providing rehabilitation  
6           training to disabled individuals by—

7                   “(i) a State agency with responsibility  
8                   for vocational rehabilitation programs,  
9                   drug abuse treatment programs, mental  
10                  health services programs, or alcohol abuse  
11                  treatment programs; or

12                  “(ii) the Secretary of Veterans Af-  
13                  fairs; and

14           “(C) provides or will provide the borrower  
15           with rehabilitation services under a written plan  
16           that—

17                   “(i) is individualized to meet the bor-  
18                   rower’s needs;

19                   “(ii) specifies the date on which the  
20                   services to the borrower are expected to  
21                   end; and

22                   “(iii) requires a commitment of time  
23                   and effort from the borrower that prevents  
24                   the borrower from being employed at least  
25                   30 hours per week, either because of the

1           number of hours that must be devoted to  
2           rehabilitation or because of the nature of  
3           the rehabilitation.

4           “(3) EXCEPTED PLUS LOAN; EXCEPTED CON-  
5           SOLIDATION LOAN.—The terms ‘excepted PLUS  
6           loan’ and ‘excepted consolidation loan’ have the  
7           meanings given such terms in section 460A.

8           “(4) FAMILY SIZE.—The term ‘family size’  
9           means the number that is determined by counting—

10           “(A) the borrower;

11           “(B) the borrower’s spouse;

12           “(C) the borrower’s children, including un-  
13           born children who are expected to be born dur-  
14           ing the period covered by the deferment, if the  
15           children receive more than half their support  
16           from the borrower; and

17           “(D) another individual if, at the time the  
18           borrower requests a deferment under this sec-  
19           tion, the individual—

20           “(i) lives with the borrower;

21           “(ii) receives more than half of the in-  
22           dividual’s support (which may include  
23           money, gifts, loans, housing, food, clothes,  
24           car, medical and dental care, and payment  
25           of college costs) from the borrower; and

1                   “(iii) is expected to receive such sup-  
2                   port from the borrower during the relevant  
3                   period of deferment.

4                   “(5) FULL-TIME.—The term ‘full-time’, when  
5                   used with respect to employment, means employment  
6                   for not less than 30 hours per week that is expected  
7                   to continue for not less than three months.

8                   “(6) MEANS-TESTED BENEFIT PROGRAM.—The  
9                   term ‘means-tested benefit program’ means—

10                   “(A) a State public assistance program  
11                   under which eligibility for the program’s bene-  
12                   fits, or the amount of such benefits, are deter-  
13                   mined on the basis of income or resources of  
14                   the individual or family seeking the benefit; or

15                   “(B) a mandatory spending program of the  
16                   Federal Government, other than a program  
17                   under this title, under which eligibility for the  
18                   program’s benefits, or the amount of such bene-  
19                   fits, are determined on the basis of income or  
20                   resources of the individual or family seeking the  
21                   benefit, and may include such programs as—

22                   “(i) the supplemental security income  
23                   program under title XVI of the Social Se-  
24                   curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1381 et seq.);

1 “(ii) the supplemental nutrition assist-  
2 ance program under the Food and Nutri-  
3 tion Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.);

4 “(iii) the program of block grants for  
5 States for temporary assistance for needy  
6 families established under part A of title  
7 IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
8 601 et seq.);

9 “(iv) the special supplemental nutri-  
10 tion program for women, infants, and chil-  
11 dren established by section 17 of the Child  
12 Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786);  
13 and

14 “(v) other programs identified by the  
15 Secretary.

16 “(7) MONTHLY GROSS INCOME.—The term  
17 ‘monthly gross income’, when used with respect to a  
18 borrower, means—

19 “(A) the gross amount of income received  
20 by the borrower from employment and other  
21 sources for the most recent month; or

22 “(B) one-twelfth of the borrower’s adjusted  
23 gross income, as recorded on the borrower’s  
24 most recently filed Federal income tax return.

1           “(8) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in  
 2           this section shall be construed to impact a bor-  
 3           rower’s eligibility to receive the benefit of section  
 4           455(o).”.

5           (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 493D(a)  
 6           (20 U.S.C. 1098f(a)) is amended by inserting “, or section  
 7           460B” after “464(c)(2)(A)(iii)”.

8           **PART D—ELIMINATION OF INTEREST**  
 9           **CAPITALIZATION**

10       **SEC. 231. ELIMINATION OF INTEREST CAPITALIZATION.**

11       (a) FEDERAL PLUS LOANS.—Section 428B(d)(2)  
 12       (20 U.S.C. 1078–2(d)(2)) is amended to read as follows:

13           “(2) NO CAPITALIZATION OF INTEREST.—Inter-  
 14           est on loans made under this section for which pay-  
 15           ments of principal are deferred pursuant to para-  
 16           graph (1) shall be paid monthly or quarterly, if  
 17           agreed upon by the borrower and the lender.”.

18       (b) FEDERAL CONSOLIDATION LOANS DEFER-  
 19       RALS.—Section 428C(b)(4)(C)(ii)(III) (20 U.S.C. 1078–  
 20       3(b)(4)(C)(III)) is amended by striking “or capitalized,”.

21       (c) LOAN LIMITS FOR UNSUBSIDIZED STAFFORD  
 22       LOANS.—Section 428H(d)(5) (20 U.S.C. 1078–8(d)(5)) is  
 23       amended by inserting “before the date of enactment of  
 24       the REAL Reforms Act” after “Interest capitalized”.

1 (d) UNSUBSIDIZED STAFFORD LOANS FOR MIDDLE  
 2 INCOME BORROWERS.—Section 428H(e)(2) (20 U.S.C.  
 3 1078–8(e)(2)) is amended—

4 (1) in subparagraph (A), in the matter before  
 5 clause (i), by striking “, if agreed upon by the bor-  
 6 rower and the lender” and all that follows through  
 7 clause (ii)(IV) and inserting “be paid monthly or  
 8 quarterly, if agreed upon by the borrower and the  
 9 lender.”;

10 (2) by striking subparagraph (B); and

11 (3) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as sub-  
 12 paragraph (B).

13 (e) INCOME CONTINGENT REPAYMENT.—Section  
 14 455(e)(5) (20 U.S.C. 1087e(e)(5)) is amended by striking  
 15 the last sentence and inserting “No interest may be cap-  
 16 italized on such loan on or after the date of the enactment  
 17 of the REAL Reforms Act, and the Secretary shall pro-  
 18 mulgate regulations with respect to the treatment of ac-  
 19 crued interest that is not capitalized”.

20 (f) EFFECT OF DEFERMENT ON PRINCIPAL AND IN-  
 21 TEREST.—Section 455(f)(1)(B) (20 U.S.C.  
 22 1087e(f)(1)(B)) is amended by striking “capitalized or”.

23 (g) INCOME-BASED REPAYMENT PROGRAM.—Section  
 24 493C(b)(3)(B) (20 U.S.C. 1098e(b)(3)(B)) is amended by  
 25 inserting “shall accrue but not” before “be capitalized”.

1     **TITLE III—WORKFORCE PELL**  
2                     **GRANTS**

3     **SEC. 301. DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION RE-**  
4                     **LATED TO WORKFORCE PELL.**

5             Section 131 (20 U.S.C. 1015) is amended by adding  
6     at the end the following:

7             “(i) DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION RE-  
8     LATED TO WORKFORCE PELL.—

9             “(1) APPEAL OF EARNINGS INFORMATION.—

10            The Secretary may establish an appeals process to  
11            permit eligible programs for purposes of the Work-  
12            force Pell Grants program under section 401(k) to  
13            submit alternate earnings data to comply with sec-  
14            tion 481(b)(3)(F), provided that such data are sta-  
15            tistically rigorous, accurate, comparable, and rep-  
16            resentative of students who receive a Workforce Pell  
17            Grant and complete the eligible program.

18            “(2) DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION.—The  
19            Secretary shall collect, verify, and make publicly  
20            available the information required under subpara-  
21            graph (E) of subsection (b)(3) of section 481 on the  
22            College Scorecard or any similar successor website.

23            “(3) EXCEPTIONS.—Notwithstanding any other  
24            provision of this subsection, if disclosure of any data  
25            under paragraph (2) is prohibited under State or

1 Federal privacy laws or regulations, the Secretary  
2 shall take such steps as the Secretary determines  
3 necessary to make publicly available such data in ac-  
4 cordance with such laws and regulations.”.

5 **SEC. 302. PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY FOR WORKFORCE PELL**  
6 **GRANTS.**

7 Section 481(b) (20 U.S.C. 1088(b)) is amended—

8 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and (4) as  
9 paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively; and

10 (2) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-  
11 lowing:

12 “(3) A program is an eligible program for pur-  
13 poses of the Workforce Pell Grants program under  
14 section 401(k) only if—

15 “(A) it is at least 150 clock hours of in-  
16 struction, but not more than 600 clock hours of  
17 instruction, or an equivalent number of credit  
18 hours, offered during a minimum of 8 weeks,  
19 but not more than 15 weeks;

20 “(B) it is determined by an accrediting  
21 agency or association recognized by the Sec-  
22 retary pursuant to section 496(a) to—

23 “(i) provide an education aligned with  
24 the requirements of in-demand industry  
25 sectors or occupations, as defined in sec-

tion 3 of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act;

“(ii) meet the hiring requirements of potential employers in the sectors or occupations described in clause (i);

“(iii) have been offered by an institution for not less than 1 year prior to a termination by such agency or association under this subparagraph;

“(iv) have a completion rate (based on the methodology of such agency or association) of at least 70 percent; and

“(v) have a job placement rate (based on the methodology of such agency or association) of at least 70 percent; and

“(C) the increase in median earnings of students who receive Federal financial aid under this title and who complete the program is an amount that is equal to or greater than the published tuition and fees of such program, as determined by calculating the difference between—

“(i) the median earnings of such students at the time of initial enrollment in the program; and

1 “(ii) the median earnings of such stu-  
2 dents two years after completing such pro-  
3 gram.”.

4 **SEC. 303. WORKFORCE PELL GRANTS.**

5 (a) AWARD YEAR 2023–2024.—Section 401 (20  
6 U.S.C. 1070a) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
7 lowing:

8 “(k) WORKFORCE PELL GRANTS PROGRAM.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—For the award year begin-  
10 ning on July 1, 2023, the Secretary shall award  
11 grants (referred to as a ‘Workforce Pell Grants’) to  
12 eligible students under paragraph (2) in accordance  
13 with this subsection.

14 “(2) ELIGIBLE STUDENTS.—For award year  
15 2023–2024, to be eligible to receive a Workforce Pell  
16 Grant under this subsection for any period of enroll-  
17 ment, a student shall meet the eligibility require-  
18 ments for a Federal Pell Grant under this section,  
19 except that the student—

20 “(A) shall be enrolled, or accepted for en-  
21 rollment, in an eligible program described in  
22 section 481(b)(3); and

23 “(B) may not have received a  
24 postbaccalaureate degree.

1           “(3) TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AWARDS.—

2           The Secretary shall award Workforce Pell Grants  
3           under this subsection in the same manner and with  
4           the same terms and conditions as the Secretary  
5           awards Federal Pell Grants under subsection (b), ex-  
6           cept that a student who is eligible for a grant equal  
7           to less than the amount of the minimum Federal  
8           Pell Grant because the eligible workforce develop-  
9           ment program in which the student is enrolled or ac-  
10          cepted for enrollment is less than an academic year  
11          (in hours of instruction or weeks of duration) may  
12          still be eligible for a Workforce Pell Grant.

13          “(4) PREVENTION OF DOUBLE BENEFITS.—No  
14          eligible student described in paragraph (2) may, for  
15          the same period of enrollment, receive both a grant  
16          under this subsection and a Federal Pell Grant  
17          under subsection (b).”.

18          (b) SUBSEQUENT AWARD YEARS.—

19                 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 401 (20 U.S.C.  
20                 1070a), as amended by section 703 of the FAFSA  
21                 Simplification Act (title VII of division FF of Public  
22                 Law 116–260), is amended by adding at the end the  
23                 following:

24                 “(k) WORKFORCE PELL GRANTS PROGRAM.—

1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—For the award year begin-  
2           ning on July 1, 2024, and each subsequent award  
3           year, the Secretary shall award grants (referred to  
4           as a ‘Workforce Pell Grants’) to eligible students  
5           under paragraph (2) in accordance with this sub-  
6           section.

7           “(2) ELIGIBLE STUDENTS.—For award year  
8           2024–2025 and each succeeding award year, to be  
9           eligible to receive a Workforce Pell Grant under this  
10          subsection for any period of enrollment, a student  
11          shall meet the eligibility requirements for a Federal  
12          Pell Grant under this section, except that the stu-  
13          dent—

14                 “(A) shall be enrolled, or accepted for en-  
15                 rollment, in an eligible program described in  
16                 section 481(b)(3); and

17                 “(B) may not have received a  
18                 postbaccalaureate degree.

19          “(3) TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AWARDS.—  
20          The Secretary shall award Workforce Pell Grants  
21          under this subsection in the same manner and with  
22          the same terms and conditions as the Secretary  
23          awards Federal Pell Grants under subsection (b), ex-  
24          cept that a student who is eligible for a grant equal  
25          to less than the amount of the minimum Federal

Pell Grant because the eligible workforce development program in which the student is enrolled or accepted for enrollment is less than an academic year (in hours of instruction or weeks of duration) may still be eligible for a Workforce Pell Grant.

“(4) PREVENTION OF DOUBLE BENEFITS.—No eligible student described in paragraph (2) may, for the same period of enrollment, receive both a grant under this subsection and a Federal Pell Grant under subsection (b).”.

(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by paragraph (1) shall take effect as if included in section 703 of the FAFSA Simplification Act (title VII of division FF of Public Law 116–260; 134 Stat. 3191) and in accordance with section 701(b) of such Act.

**SEC. 304. ACCREDITING AGENCY DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE WORKFORCE PELL GRANTS PROGRAM.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 496(a)(4) (20 U.S.C. 1099b(a)(4)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and” at the end;

(2) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by inserting “and” at the end; and

1           (3) by adding at the end the following:

2           “(C) if such agency or association has or seeks  
3           to include within its scope of recognition the evalua-  
4           tion of the quality of institutions offering an eligible  
5           program for purposes of the Workforce Pell Grants  
6           program (in accordance with section 481(b)(3)),  
7           such agency or association shall, in addition to meet-  
8           ing the other requirements of this subpart, dem-  
9           onstrate to the Secretary that, with respect to such  
10          eligible programs—

11                  “(i) the agency’s or association’s standards  
12                  include a process for determining if the institu-  
13                  tion has the capability to effectively offer such  
14                  an eligible program; and

15                  “(ii) the agency or association requires a  
16                  demonstration that the program—

17                          “(I) satisfies the requirements of sub-  
18                          paragraph (B) of section 481(b)(3); and

19                          “(II) provides academic content, an  
20                          amount of instructional time, and com-  
21                          petencies to satisfy any applicable edu-  
22                          cational requirement so that a student who  
23                          completes the program and seeks employ-  
24                          ment is qualified to practice or find em-

1                   ployment in the sectors or occupations that  
2                   the program prepares students to enter.”.

3           (b) ADDITIONAL NACIQI REVIEW MEETINGS.—For  
4 the purpose of preparing for the implementation of the  
5 Workforce Pell Grant program under section 401(k) of the  
6 Higher Education Act of 1965 (as added by section 304),  
7 in addition to the meetings required under section  
8 114(d)(1) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20  
9 U.S.C. 1011c(d)(1)), the National Advisory Committee on  
10 Institutional Quality and Integrity (as established by such  
11 section 114) shall, through 2025, hold meetings to evalu-  
12 ate the additions to the scope of recognition of accrediting  
13 agencies and associations with respect to an eligible pro-  
14 gram for purposes of the Workforce Pell Grants program  
15 (in accordance with section 481(b)(3) of the Higher Edu-  
16 cation Act of 1965, as added by section 302).

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