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H. R. 3306

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to increase the maximum
Pell grant from \$3,000 to \$5,000.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 3, 1998

Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania introduced the following bill; which was referred
to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

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the maximum Pell grant from \$3,000 to \$5,000.

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 “Pell Grant Expansion
5 Act of 1998”.

6 **SEC. 2. PELL GRANT INCREASE.**

7 Section 401 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
8 U.S.C. 1070a) is amended—

9 (1) by striking paragraph (2)(A) of subsection

10 (b) and inserting the following:

1 “(2)(A) The amount of the basic grant for a student
2 eligible under this part shall be—

3 “(i) \$4,000 for academic years 1998–1999 and
4 1999–2000, and

5 “(ii) \$5,000 for academic years 2000–2001,
6 2001–2002, and 2002–2003,

7 less an amount equal to the amount determined to be the
8 expected family contribution with respect to that student
9 for that year.”;

10 (2) in paragraph (7) of such subsection, by
11 striking “the appropriate Appropriation Act for this
12 subpart for such year” and inserting “subsection
13 (g)”;

14 (3) by striking paragraph (3) of such subsection
15 and redesignating paragraphs (4) through (8) of
16 such subsection as paragraphs (3) through (7), re-
17 spectively;

18 (4) by striking subsections (g) and (h) and in-
19 serting the following:

20 “(g) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—(1) Each fiscal year,
21 there shall be available to the Secretary of Education from
22 funds not otherwise appropriated, funds to be obligated
23 for the payment of grants under this part in the amounts
24 determined under this section, not to exceed (from such
25 funds not otherwise appropriated) \$11,800,000,000 in

1 each the fiscal years 1998 and 1999, \$13,300,000,000 in
2 each the fiscal years 2000, 2001, and 2002.

3 “(2) If the amount made available under paragraph
4 (1) in a fiscal year is not sufficient to pay all grants under
5 this subpart in the amounts determined under this section,
6 the Secretary may make such reductions in awards as may
7 be necessary, by either a fixed or variable percentage re-
8 duction or by a fixed dollar reduction.”; and

9 (5) by redesignating subsection (i) as subsection
10 (h).

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