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H. R. 919

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to provide scholarships to students who have demonstrated proficiency in mathematics and science courses before graduating high school.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 7, 2001

Mr. KELLER (for himself and Mr. EHLERS) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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 “Pell Grant Math and
5 Science Incentive Act of 2001”.

6 **SEC. 2. MATH AND SCIENCE PELL SUPPLEMENTS.**

7 Subpart 1 of part A of title IV of the Higher Edu-
8 cation Act of 1965 is amended—

1 (1) in chapter 3, by redesignating section 407E
2 (20 U.S.C. 1070a–35) as section 406E; and

3 (2) by inserting after such chapter 3 the fol-
4 lowing new chapter:

5 **“CHAPTER 4—MATH AND SCIENCE PELL**
6 **SUPPLEMENTS.**

7 **SEC. 407A. SCHOLARSHIPS AUTHORIZED.**

8 “(a) ELIGIBILITY.—The Secretary is authorized to
9 award scholarships to students to enable a student to pay
10 the cost of attendance at an institution of higher education
11 during the student’s first academic year of undergraduate
12 education, if the student—

13 “(1) is enrolled or accepted for enrollment in
14 the first year of a program of undergraduate edu-
15 cation at an institution of higher education;

16 “(2) is eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant
17 for the year in which the scholarship is awarded;
18 and

19 “(3) while enrolled in a public, private, or char-
20 ter secondary school or in home schooling, complied
21 with subsection (b).

22 “(b) DEFINITION OF DEMONSTRATION OF PRO-
23 FICIENCY IN MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE COURSES.—A
24 student has complied with this subsection if the student
25 has—

1 “(1) satisfactorily completed three years of
2 mathematics courses and three years of science
3 courses at a secondary school;

4 “(2) satisfactorily completed, while in secondary
5 school, one mathematics course and one science
6 course at an institution of higher education that are
7 accepted for credit toward a bachelor’s or associate’s
8 degree;

9 “(3) received advanced placement credit for at
10 least one mathematics course and one science course
11 at the institution of higher education where the stu-
12 dent is enrolled or has been accepted for enrollment;
13 or

14 “(4) otherwise demonstrated the capacity to re-
15 ceive advanced placement credit toward’s such a de-
16 gree, as determined in accordance with regulations
17 prescribed by the Secretary for purposes of this
18 paragraph.

19 **“SEC. 407B. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.**

20 “(a) AMOUNT OF AWARD.—

21 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
22 graph (2), the amount of a scholarship awarded
23 under this chapter for any academic year shall be
24 equal to \$1,000.

1 “(2) ADJUSTMENT FOR INSUFFICIENT APPRO-
2 PRIATIONS.—If, after the Secretary determines the
3 total number of eligible applicants for an academic
4 year in accordance with section 407C, funds avail-
5 able to carry out this chapter for the academic year
6 are insufficient to fully fund all awards under this
7 chapter for the academic year, the amount of the
8 scholarship paid to each student under this chapter
9 shall be ratably reduced.

10 “(b) ASSISTANCE NOT TO EXCEED COST OF AT-
11 TENDANCE.—A scholarship awarded under this chapter to
12 any student, in combination with the Federal Pell Grant
13 assistance and other student financial assistance available
14 to such student, may not exceed the student’s cost of at-
15 tendance.

16 **“SEC. 407C. ELIGIBILITY OF SCHOLARS.**

17 “The Secretary shall, after consultation with institu-
18 tions of higher education, establish by regulation proce-
19 dures for the determination by institutions of higher edu-
20 cation of the eligibility of students for the scholarships
21 awarded under this chapter. The Secretary shall take all
22 reasonable steps to minimize the regulatory and adminis-
23 trative burden on institutions of higher education of par-
24 ticipation under this chapter.

1 **“SEC. 407D. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be ap-
3 propriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out
4 requirements of this chapter.

5 “(b) CARRY OVER AUTHORITY.—Funds
6 appropriated pursuant to subsection (a) for any fiscal
7 year are authorized to remain available for the succeeding
8 fiscal year.”.

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