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H. R. 1871

To encourage partnerships between community colleges and four-year colleges
and universities.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

A BILL

To encourage partnerships between community colleges and
four-year colleges and universities.

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 “Community College
5 Partnership Act of 2003”.

6 **SEC. 2. COMMUNITY COLLEGE OPPORTUNITY; COLLEGE**
7 **PREPARATION PROGRAMS AUTHORIZED.**

8 Subpart 2 of part A of title IV of the Higher Edu-
9 cation Act of 1965 is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating section 407E as section
2 406E; and

3 (2) by inserting after chapter 3 (20 U.S.C.
4 1070a–31 et seq.) the following new chapter:

5 **“CHAPTER 4—COMMUNITY COLLEGE**
6 **OPPORTUNITY**

7 **“SEC. 407A. PURPOSE.**

8 “It is the purpose of this chapter to enhance opportu-
9 nities of students at community or technical colleges to
10 transfer to 4-year institutions and complete bachelor’s de-
11 grees.

12 **“SEC. 407B. ACTIVITIES.**

13 “(a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—From the amounts ap-
14 propriated under section 407D, the Secretary shall award
15 grants to an eligible partnership that includes—

16 “(1) 1 or more community or technical colleges
17 that award associate’s degrees; and

18 “(2) 1 or more institutions of higher education
19 that offer a baccalaureate or postbaccalaureate de-
20 gree not awarded by the institutions described in
21 paragraph (1) with which it is partnered.

22 “(b) USE OF FUNDS.—Grants awarded under this
23 part shall be used for—

24 “(1) the development of policies to expand op-
25 portunities for community or technical college stu-

1 dents to earn bachelor’s degrees, including pro-
2 moting the transfer of academic credits between in-
3 stitutions and expanding articulation and guaran-
4 teed transfer agreements;

5 “(2) support services to students participating
6 in the program, such as tutoring, mentoring, and
7 academic and personal counseling, as well as any
8 service that facilitates the transition of students
9 from the community or technical college to the part-
10 ner institution;

11 “(3) need-based scholarships to transfer stu-
12 dents for their 3d and 4th years of undergraduate
13 education;

14 “(4) academic program enhancements at the
15 community or technical college that result in increas-
16 ing the quality of the program offered and the num-
17 ber of student participants in the dual degree pro-
18 gram offered in conjunction with a baccalaureate de-
19 gree granting institution; and

20 “(5) programs to identify barriers that inhibit
21 student transfers.

22 “(c) APPLICATIONS.—Any institution, or a consortia
23 or system of higher education, that desires to obtain a
24 grant under this section shall submit to the Secretary an
25 application at such time, in such manner, and containing

1 such information or assurances as the Secretary may re-
2 quire.

3 “(d) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall prescribe
4 such regulations as may be necessary to carry out this
5 section.

6 **“SEC. 407C. SCHOLARSHIPS.**

7 “(a) AMOUNTS.—Scholarships awarded under this
8 chapter shall, to the extent possible from the funds avail-
9 able, provide the additional amount of tuition and fees
10 charged the participating student by the partner institu-
11 tion in excess of the amount of tuition and fees charged
12 the student by the community or technical college.

13 “(b) EFFECT ON OTHER AID.—Scholarships award-
14 ed under this chapter shall not be considered for the pur-
15 poses of awarding Federal Pell Grants under subpart 1
16 of part A of title IV, except that in no case shall the total
17 amount of student financial assistance awarded to a stu-
18 dent under this chapter and title IV exceed the student’s
19 cost of attendance, as defined in section 472.

20 **“SEC. 407D. DEFINITION.**

21 “For the purpose of this part, the term ‘community
22 or technical college’ means an institution of higher edu-
23 cation—

24 “(1) that admits as regular students persons
25 who are beyond the age of compulsory school attend-

1 ance in the State in which the institution is located
2 and who have the ability to benefit from the training
3 offered by the institution;

4 “(2) that predominately does not provide an
5 educational program for which it awards a bach-
6 elor’s degree (or an equivalent degree);

7 “(3) that—

8 “(A) provides an educational program of
9 not less than 2 years that is acceptable for full
10 credit toward such a degree; or

11 “(B) offers a 2-year program in engineer-
12 ing, mathematics, or the physical or biological
13 sciences, designed to prepare a student to work
14 as a technician or at the semiprofessional level
15 in engineering, scientific, or other technological
16 fields requiring the understanding and applica-
17 tion of basic engineering, scientific, or mathe-
18 matical principles of knowledge; and

19 “(4) that is accredited by a regional accrediting
20 agency or association recognized by the Secretary
21 under section 496.

22 **“SEC. 407E. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

23 “There are authorized to be appropriated
24 \$70,000,000 to carry out this chapter for fiscal year 2004

1 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the 3 suc-
2 ceeding fiscal years.”.

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