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# H. R. 3894

To provide enhanced Pell Grants for State Scholars.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BURNS (for himself, Mr. KELLER, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. McKEON, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. CARTER, Mr. FORBES, Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, and Mrs. NORTHUP) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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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.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Pell Grants Plus Act”.

5       **SEC. 2. PELL GRANTS PLUS: ACHIEVEMENT GRANTS FOR**  
6               **STATE SCHOLARS PROGRAM.**

7       (a) AMENDMENT.—Subpart 1 of part A of title IV  
8       of the Higher Education Act of 1965 is amended by in-  
9       serting after section 401 (20 U.S.C. 1070a) the following  
10      new section:

1 **“SEC. 401A. PELL GRANTS PLUS: ACHIEVEMENT GRANTS**  
2 **FOR STATE SCHOLARS.**

3 “(a) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—From sums appro-  
4 priated to carry out section 401, the Secretary shall estab-  
5 lish a program to award Pell Grants Plus to students  
6 who—

7 “(1) have successfully completed a rigorous  
8 high school program of study established by a State  
9 or local educational agency in consultation with a  
10 State coalition assisted with funds from the Center  
11 for State Scholars;

12 “(2) are enrolled full-time in the first academic  
13 year of undergraduate education, and have not been  
14 previously enrolled in a program of undergraduate  
15 education; and

16 “(3) are eligible to receive Federal Pell Grants  
17 for the year in which the grant is awarded.

18 “(b) AMOUNT OF GRANTS.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-  
20 graph (2), the amount of the grant awarded under  
21 this section shall be \$1,000.

22 “(2) ASSISTANCE NOT TO EXCEED COST OF AT-  
23 TENDANCE.—A grant awarded under this section to  
24 any student, in combination with the Federal Pell  
25 Grant assistance and other student financial assist-

1       ance available to such student, may not exceed the  
2       student's cost of attendance.

3       “(c) SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS.—

4               “(1) PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED BY REGULA-  
5       TION.—The Secretary shall establish by regulation  
6       procedures for the determination of eligibility of stu-  
7       dents for the grants awarded under this section.  
8       Such procedures shall include measures to ensure  
9       that eligibility is determined in a timely and accu-  
10      rate manner consistent with the requirements of sec-  
11      tion 482 and the submission of the financial aid  
12      form required by section 483.

13              “(2) APPLICATIONS.—Each eligible student de-  
14      siring an award under this section shall submit at  
15      such time and in such manner such information as  
16      the Secretary may reasonably require.

17              “(3) CONTINUATION OF GRANT REQUIRE-  
18      MENTS.—In order for a student to continue to be el-  
19      igible to receive an award under this section for the  
20      second year of undergraduate education, the eligible  
21      student must—

22                      “(A) maintain eligibility to receive a Fed-  
23                      eral Pell Grant for that year;

24                      “(B) obtain a grade point average of at  
25                      least 3.0 (or the equivalent as determined under

1 regulations prescribed by the Secretary) for the  
 2 first year of undergraduate education; and

3 “(C) be enrolled full-time and fulfill the re-  
 4 quirements for satisfactory progress described  
 5 in section 484(c).

6 “(d) SUNSET, EVALUATION, AND REPORTS.—

7 “(1) SUNSET.—The provisions of this section  
 8 shall cease to be effective on October 1, 2011, except  
 9 as the Congress may hereafter provide by law if  
 10 Congress determines, after analysis of the evaluation  
 11 and reports provided for in paragraph (2), that ex-  
 12 tension or expansion of the program is warranted.

13 “(2) EVALUATION AND REPORTS.—The Sec-  
 14 retary shall monitor the progress, retention, and  
 15 completion rates of the students to whom awards are  
 16 provided under this section. In doing so, the Sec-  
 17 retary shall evaluate the impact of the Pell Grants  
 18 Plus Program and report, not less than biennially,  
 19 to the authorizing committees of the House of Rep-  
 20 resentatives and the Senate.”.

21 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Chapter 3 of sub-  
 22 part 2 of part A of title IV (20 U.S.C. 1070a–31 through  
 23 1070a–35) is repealed.

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