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H. R. 511

To provide enhanced Pell Grants for State Scholars.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 2, 2005

Mr. KELLER (for himself, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. McKEON, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. TIBERI, and Mr. WILSON of South Carolina) 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 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) EVALUATION AND REPORTS.—The Secretary
7 shall monitor the progress, retention, and completion rates
8 of the students to whom awards are provided under this
9 section. In doing so, the Secretary shall evaluate the im-
10 pact of the Pell Grants Plus Program and report, not less
11 than biennially, to the authorizing committees of the
12 House of Representatives and the Senate.”.

13 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Chapter 3 of sub-
14 part 2 of part A of title IV (20 U.S.C. 1070a–31 through
15 1070a–35) is repealed.

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