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S. 286

To amend section 401(b)(2) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 regarding the Federal Pell Grant maximum amount.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 3, 2005

Mr. DODD (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. INOUYE, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. AKAKA) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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. FEDERAL PELL GRANT MAXIMUM AMOUNT.**

4 Section 401(b)(2) of the Higher Education Act of
5 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a(b)(2)) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating subparagraph (B) as sub-
7 paragraph (C);

8 (2) by striking subparagraph (A) and inserting
9 the following:

1 “(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B),
2 the amount of the Federal Pell Grant for a student
3 eligible under this part shall be—

4 “(i) \$7,600 for academic year 2005–2006;

5 “(ii) \$8,600 for academic year 2006–2007;

6 “(iii) \$9,600 for academic year 2007–
7 2008;

8 “(iv) \$10,600 for academic year 2008–
9 2009; and

10 “(v) \$11,600 for academic year 2009–
11 2010,

12 less an amount equal to the amount determined to
13 be the expected family contribution with respect to
14 that student for that year.”; and

15 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (A) (as
16 amended by paragraph (2)) the following:

17 “(B) If the Secretary determines that the in-
18 crease from one academic year to the next in the
19 amount of the maximum Federal Pell Grant author-
20 ized under subparagraph (A) does not increase stu-
21 dents’ purchasing power (relative to the cost of at-
22 tendance at an institution of higher education) by
23 not less than 5 percentage points, then the amount
24 of the maximum Federal Pell Grant authorized
25 under subparagraph (A) for the academic year for

1 which the determination is made shall be increased
2 by an amount sufficient to achieve such a 5 percent-
3 age point increase.”.

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