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To provide access and assistance to increase college attendance and completion by part-time students.

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Mr. HOLT (for himself, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. PAYNE, Mrs. McCARTHY of New York, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. HARE, Mr. SIRES, Mr. CONYERS, Ms. WATSON, Mr. ISRAEL, Ms. LEE, Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. RUSH, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. HONDA, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. HOLDEN, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. GONZALEZ, and Mr. McGOVERN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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## A BILL

To provide access and assistance to increase college attendance and completion by part-time students.

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; REFERENCES.**

4       (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the  
5       “Part-time Student Assistance Act”.

6       (b) REFERENCES.—Except as otherwise expressly  
7       provided, whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal

1 is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of,  
2 a section or other provision, the reference shall be consid-  
3 ered to be made to a section or other provision of the  
4 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.).

5 **SEC. 2. SUPPORT FOR WORKING STUDENTS: INCREASES IN**  
6 **INCOME PROTECTION ALLOWANCES.**

7 (a) DEPENDENT STUDENTS.—Subparagraph (D) of  
8 section 475(g)(2) (20 U.S.C. 1087oo(g)(2)) is amended to  
9 read as follows:

10 “(D) an income protection allowance of  
11 \$9,000 (or a successor amount prescribed by  
12 the Secretary under section 478);”.

13 (b) INDEPENDENT STUDENTS WITHOUT DEPEND-  
14 ENTS OTHER THAN A SPOUSE.—Clause (iv) of section  
15 476(b)(1)(A) (20 U.S.C. 1087pp(b)(1)(A)) is amended to  
16 read as follows:

17 “(iv) an income protection allowance  
18 of \$12,000 (or a successor amount pre-  
19 scribed by the Secretary under section  
20 478);”.

21 (c) INDEPENDENT STUDENTS WITH DEPENDENTS  
22 OTHER THAN A SPOUSE.—Paragraph (4) of section  
23 477(b) (20 U.S.C. 1087qq(b)) is amended to read as fol-  
24 lows:

1                   “(4) INCOME PROTECTION ALLOWANCE.—The  
 2                   income protection allowance is determined by the fol-  
 3                   lowing table (or a successor table prescribed by the  
 4                   Secretary under section 478):

“Income Protection Allowance

Family Size (including student)	Number in College					For each additional subtract:
	1	2	3	4	5	
2	\$17,580	\$15,230	.....	.....	.....	.....
3	20,940	17,610	\$16,260	.....	.....	.....
4	24,950	22,600	20,270	\$17,930	.....	.....
5	28,740	26,390	24,060	21,720	\$19,390	.....
6	32,950	30,610	28,280	25,940	23,610	\$2,330
For each additional add:	3,280	3,280	3,280	3,280	3,280	”.

5                   (d) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Paragraph (1) of  
 6 section 478(b) (20 U.S.C. 1087rr) is amended to read as  
 7 follows:

8                   “(1) REVISED TABLES.—

9                   “(A) PARENT’S INCOME PROTECTION AL-  
 10                   LOWANCE.—For each academic year after aca-  
 11                   demic year 1993–1994, the Secretary shall pub-  
 12                   lish in the Federal Register a revised table of  
 13                   income protection allowances for the purpose of  
 14                   section 475(c)(4). Such revised table shall be  
 15                   developed by increasing each of the dollar  
 16                   amounts contained in the table in such section  
 17                   by a percentage equal to the estimated percent-  
 18                   age increase in the Consumer Price Index (as  
 19                   determined by the Secretary) between Decem-

“(B) INDEPENDENT STUDENTS WITH DEPENDENTS OTHER THAN A SPOUSE.—For each academic year after academic year 2007–2008, the Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register a revised table of income protection allowances for the purpose of section 477(b)(4). Such revised table shall be developed by increasing each of the dollar amounts contained in the table in such section by a percentage equal to the estimated percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index (as determined by the Secretary) between December 2006 and the December next preceding the beginning of such academic year, and rounding the result to the nearest \$10.”.

21 Section 480(a)(2) (20 U.S.C. 1087vv(a)(2)) is  
22 amended by inserting “or section 32” after “section 25A”.

1 **SEC. 4. CHILD CARE MEANS PARENTS IN SCHOOL.**

2 (a) MINIMUM GRANT.—Section 419N(b)(2)(B) (20  
3 U.S.C. 1070e(b)(2)(B)) is amended by striking “\$10,000”  
4 and inserting “\$30,000”.

5 (b) ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS.—Section 419N(b)(4) is  
6 amended by striking “\$350,000” and inserting  
7 “\$250,000”.

8 (c) INCOME ELIGIBILITY.—Section 419N(b)(7) is  
9 amended by striking “who is eligible to receive” and in-  
10 serting “whose income qualifies for eligibility for”.

11 (d) PUBLICITY.—Section 419N(b) is further amend-  
12 ed by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

13 (8) PUBLICITY.—The Secretary shall publicize  
14 the availability of grants under this section in appro-  
15 priate periodicals in addition to publication in the  
16 Federal Register, and shall inform appropriate edu-  
17 cational organizations of such availability.”.

18 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section  
19 419N(g) is amended by striking “\$45,000,000 for fiscal  
20 year 1999” and inserting “\$75,000,000 for fiscal year  
21 2008”.

22 **SEC. 5. YEAR-ROUND PELL GRANTS.**

23 Section 401 (20 U.S.C. 1070a) is amended by adding  
24 at the end the following new subsection:

25 (k) YEAR-ROUND PELL GRANTS.—

1                 “(1) PILOT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED.—The Sec-  
2                 retary shall establish in accordance with this sub-  
3                 section a year-round Pell grant pilot program. Any  
4                 institution of higher education that desires to par-  
5                 ticipate in the program under this subsection shall  
6                 submit an application to the Secretary at such time  
7                 and containing or accompanied by such information  
8                 and assurances as the Secretary may require. The  
9                 Secretary may select not more than 200 institutions  
10                 of higher education for participation in the program.

11                 “(2) PROGRAM ELEMENTS.—With respect to  
12                 students enrolled in institutions participating in the  
13                 program under this subsection, the Secretary is au-  
14                 thorized—

15                 “(A) to award such students two Federal  
16                 Pell Grants in one calendar year to permit such  
17                 students to accelerate progress towards their  
18                 degree or certificate objectives by enrolling in  
19                 academic programs for 12 months rather than  
20                 9 months of the year at participating institu-  
21                 tions; and

22                 “(B) to award such two Federal Pell  
23                 Grants to such students in a total amount up  
24                 to 133 percent of the maximum Federal Pell

1                   Grant under subsection (b)(2)(A) that is appli-  
2                   cable for the academic year.

3                   “(3) CONDITIONS.—An institution submitting  
4                   an application to participate in the program under  
5                   this subsection shall—

6                   “(A) in the case of an associate’s degree-  
7                   granting institution, commit to improving the  
8                   completion rate for the institution by at least  
9                   10 percent over the period of the pilot grant;  
10                   and

11                   “(B) in the case of a bachelor’s degree-  
12                   granting institution, commit to improving the  
13                   graduation rate for the institution by at least  
14                   50 percent over such period.

15                   “(4) TERMINATION; EVALUATION.—The author-  
16                   ity of the Secretary under this subsection shall cease  
17                   to be effective on October 1, 2013. Not later than  
18                   October 1, 2011, the Secretary shall conduct an  
19                   evaluation of the program under this subsection and  
20                   submit to the Congress a report on the results of  
21                   such evaluation.”.

22 **SEC. 6. ADDITIONAL FIPSE PROGRAM.**

23                   (a) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this section—

24                   (1) to allow a demonstration program that is  
25                   strictly monitored by the Department of Education

1 to test creative measures for improving the availability of higher education for part-time students;

3 (2) to provide for increased access for part-time  
4 students; and

5 (3) to help determine the most effective assistance for part-time students.

7 (b) NEW PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—Section 741(a)  
8 (20 U.S.C. 1138(a)) is amended—

9 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph  
10 (7);

11 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-  
12 graph (8) and inserting “; and”; and

13 (3) by adding at the end the following new  
14 paragraph:

15 “(9) creating a program to create a holistic ap-  
16 proach to addressing the needs of part-time students  
17 at not more than 150 associate’s and bachelor’s de-  
18 gree-granting institutions that would include grants,  
19 leveraging funds from non-Federal sources, com-  
20 prehensive child care, and better-tailored remedial  
21 course programs.”.

22 (c) NOTIFICATION AND REPORTS.—Section 743 (20  
23 U.S.C. 1138b) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
24 lowing new subsections:

1       “(c) PROCEDURES AND AUTHORIZATION FOR PART-  
2 TIME STUDENT PROGRAM.—

3           “(1) APPLICATION.—An eligible entity that de-  
4 sires to receive a grant under subsection (b)(9) shall  
5 submit an application to the Secretary in such man-  
6 ner and form, and containing such information and  
7 assurances, as the Secretary may reasonably require.

8           “(2) SELECTION PROCEDURES.—The Secretary  
9 shall by regulation develop a formal procedure for  
10 the submission of applications for grants under sub-  
11 section (b)(9) and shall publish in the Federal Reg-  
12 ister an announcement of that procedure and the  
13 availability of funds under such subsection.

14           “(3) EVALUATION.—The Secretary shall eval-  
15 uate the program authorized under subsection (b)(9)  
16 on an annual basis. Such evaluations specifically  
17 shall review —

18           “(A) the extent to which the institution  
19 has met the goals set forth in its application to  
20 the Secretary;

21           “(B) the number of students participating  
22 in the programs offered, including the progress  
23 of such students toward recognized certificates  
24 or degrees; and

1                   “(C) what changes, if any, in law would fa-  
2                   cilitate both the participation of part-time stu-  
3                   dents in higher education and increased gradu-  
4                   tion rates amongst these students.

5                   “(4) SEPARATE AUTHORIZATIONS OF APPRO-  
6                   PRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appro-  
7                   priated to carry out the program authorized by sub-  
8                   section (b)(9), \$100,000,000 for fiscal year 2008  
9                   and such sums as may be necessary for each of the  
10                   five succeeding fiscal years.”.

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