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To provide higher education assistance for nontraditional students, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. LIEBERMAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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# A BILL

To provide higher education assistance for nontraditional students, and for other purposes.

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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4       (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the  
5 “Nontraditional Student Success Act”.

6       (b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents for  
7 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

### TITLE I—FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Sec. 101. Federal Pell Grants.

Sec. 102. Income protection allowance revised tables.

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## TITLE III—LIFETIME LEARNING CREDIT

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Sec. 303. Advance payment of lifetime learning credit.

# 1                   **TITLE I—FINANCIAL 2                    PROVISIONS**

## 3   **SEC. 101. FEDERAL PELL GRANTS.**

4                   (a) AUTHORIZATION AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS  
5   FOR FEDERAL PELL GRANTS.—There are authorized to  
6   be appropriated and there are appropriated, out of any  
7   money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated for the  
8   fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, for carrying out  
9   subpart 1 of part A of title IV of the Higher Education  
10   Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a), \$14,515,000,000.

11                  (b) AUTHORIZATION AMOUNT AND MAXIMUM FED-  
12   ERAL PELL GRANT.—Section 401(b) of the Higher Edu-  
13   cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a(b)) is amended—

4                   “(ii) \$9,600 for academic year 2008–2009;

5                   “(iii) \$10,600 for academic year 2009–2010;

6 “(iv) \$11,600 for academic year 2010–2011;

7 and

8                   “(v) \$12,600 for academic year 2011–2012,”;

9 and

10 (2) in paragraph (3)—

11 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “ap-  
12 propriation Act” and inserting “appropriation  
13 Act or subparagraph (C); and

14 (B) by adding at the end the following:

15        "(C) The maximum Federal Pell Grant for which a  
16 student shall be eligible during academic year 2007–2008  
17 shall be \$8,600, less an amount equal to the amount deter-  
18 mined to be the expected family contribution with respect  
19 to the student for that year.".

20 (c) STUDENTS WITH LOW FAMILY INCOMES.—Sec-  
21 tion 401(b)(2) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20  
22 U.S.C. 1070a(b)(2)) is amended further by adding at the  
23 end the following:

24        "(C) In the case of a student with a negative expected  
25 family contribution equal to or less than  $-\$750$ , a posi-

1 tive amount corresponding to the negative expected family  
2 contribution amount shall be added to the maximum basic  
3 grant for which the student is qualified, except that in  
4 no case shall the amount of the basic grant exceed the  
5 amount permitted under paragraph (4).”.

6 (d) TWO PELL GRANTS IN A SINGLE AWARD  
7 YEAR.—Section 401(b)(6)(A) of the Higher Education  
8 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a(b)(6)(A)) is amended to  
9 read as follows:

10 “(6)(A) The Secretary shall allow a student to receive  
11 2 Federal Pell grants during a single award year, if—

12 “(i) the student is enrolled full-time in a certifi-  
13 cate or degree program of study at an eligible insti-  
14 tution; and

15 “(ii) the student completes course work toward  
16 completion of a certificate or an associate or bacca-  
17 laureate degree that exceeds the requirements for a  
18 full academic year as defined by the institution.”.

19 **SEC. 102. INCOME PROTECTION ALLOWANCE REVISED TA-  
20 BLES.**

21 Section 478(b) of the Higher Education Act of 1965  
22 (20 U.S.C. 1087rr(b)) is amended to read as follows:

23 “(b) INCOME PROTECTION ALLOWANCE.—

24 “(1) REVISED TABLES.—For each academic  
25 year after academic year 1993–1994, the Secretary

1 shall publish in the Federal Register a revised table  
2 of income protection allowances for the purpose of  
3 sections 475(c)(4) and 477(b)(4). The revised table  
4 for section 475(c)(4) shall be developed by increas-  
5 ing each of the dollar amounts contained in the table  
6 in such section by a percentage equal to the esti-  
7 mated percentage increase in the Consumer Price  
8 Index (as determined by the Secretary) between De-  
9 cember 1992 and the December next preceding the  
10 beginning of such academic year. The revised table  
11 for section 477(b)(4) shall be developed by using a  
12 3-year average of the median expenses for a family  
13 of 4 based on the Consumer Expenditure Survey  
14 data, adjusted for current dollars, calculated for the  
15 lower living level. The results for both tables shall be  
16 rounded to the nearest \$10.

17       “(2) REVISED AMOUNTS.—For each academic  
18 year after academic year 2007–2008, the Secretary  
19 shall publish in the Federal Register a revised in-  
20 come protection allowance for the purpose of section  
21 476(b)(1)(A)(iv)(I). Such revised allowance shall be  
22 developed by increasing the dollar amount contained  
23 in such section by a percentage equal to the esti-  
24 mated percentage increase in the Consumer Expend-  
25 iture Survey (as determined by the Secretary) be-

1       tween December 2005 and the December next pre-  
2       ceding the beginning of such academic year, and  
3       rounding the result to the nearest \$10.”.

4 SEC. 103. EXCLUSION OF THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT  
5 (EITC) FROM FINANCIAL AID DETERMINA-  
6 TIONS.

7       Section 480(b) of the Higher Education Act of 1965  
8   (20 U.S.C. 1087vv(b)) is amended—

9 (1) by striking paragraph (8); and

10 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (9) through  
11 (14) as paragraphs (8) through (13), respectively.

12 SEC. 104. NONTRADITIONAL STUDENTS DEMONSTRATION  
13 PROGRAM.

14 Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20  
15 U.S.C. 1070 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end  
16 the following:

17        **“PART I—NONTRADITIONAL STUDENTS**

18        **DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM**

19 "SEC. 499. NONTRADITIONAL STUDENTS DEMONSTRATION  
20 PROGRAM.

21       “(a) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this section—  
22           “(1) to allow demonstration programs that are  
23           strictly monitored by the Department to test the ef-  
24           fectiveness of providing expanded financial assist-  
25           ance under this title to less than half-time students

1 for not more than 3 terms over the duration of the  
2 students' course of study, and to students in com-  
3 pressed, modular, or other alternative schedules;

4       “(2) to increase graduation rates of nontradi-  
5 tional students by enabling the nontraditional stu-  
6 dents to stay continuously enrolled during periods  
7 when the nontraditional students must temporarily  
8 attend college less than half-time; and

9       “(3) to increase graduation rates of nontradi-  
10 tional students by enabling the nontraditional stu-  
11 dents to enroll in programs with compressed, mod-  
12 ular, or other alternative schedules that allow the  
13 nontraditional students to better balance work, fam-  
14 ily, and school.

15       “(b) DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—

16       “(1) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with the pro-  
17 visions of subsection (d), the Secretary is authorized  
18 to select institutions of higher education, systems of  
19 institutions of higher education, or consortia of insti-  
20 tutions of higher education for voluntary participa-  
21 tion in the Nontraditional Students Demonstration  
22 Program. Such program shall provide participating  
23 institutions, consortia, or systems with waivers, as  
24 described in paragraph (2), that provide the ability  
25 to offer expanded financial assistance—

1                   “(A) to less than half-time students who  
2                   have completed not less than 1 term of  
3                   coursework, for not more than 3 terms over the  
4                   duration of the students' course of study; and

5                   “(B) to students enrolled in programs with  
6                   compressed, modular, or other alternative  
7                   schedules.

8                   “(2) WAIVERS.—

9                   “(A) LESS THAN HALF-TIME STUDENTS.—  
10                  The Secretary is authorized to waive, for any  
11                  institution of higher education, system of insti-  
12                  tutions of higher education, or consortium of in-  
13                  stitutions of higher education participating in  
14                  the Nontraditional Students Demonstration  
15                  Program, the requirements of section 472 that  
16                  relate to limiting the definition of the cost of at-  
17                  tendance for less than half-time students, espe-  
18                  cially paragraphs (2) and (4) of such section,  
19                  with the goal of allowing the institution, system,  
20                  or consortium to use the same definition of the  
21                  costs of attendance for less than half-time stu-  
22                  dents as is used for students attending at least  
23                  half-time.

24                  “(B) COMPRESSED, MODULAR, OR OTHER  
25                  FLEXIBLE SCHEDULES.—The Secretary is au-

17                           “(3) ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS.—

18                         “(A) ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS.—Except as  
19                         provided in subparagraph (B), an institution of  
20                         higher education, a system of institutions of  
21                         higher education, or a consortium of institu-  
22                         tions of higher education shall be eligible to  
23                         participate in the demonstration program au-  
24                         thorized under this section only if the institu-  
25                         tion, each institution of higher education in the

1           system, or each institution of higher education  
2           participating in the consortium, respectively—

3               “(i) is eligible to participate in pro-  
4               grams under this title; and

5               “(ii) provides a program for which the  
6               institution of higher education awards an  
7               associate or bachelor’s degree.

8               “(B) PROHIBITION.—An institution of  
9               higher education described in section  
10               102(a)(1)(C) shall not be eligible to participate  
11               in the demonstration program authorized under  
12               this section.

13               “(c) APPLICATION.—

14               “(1) IN GENERAL.—Each institution, system,  
15               or consortium desiring to participate in a dem-  
16               onstration program under this section shall submit  
17               an application to the Secretary at such time and in  
18               such manner as the Secretary may require. An insti-  
19               tution, system, or consortium may apply for a waiver  
20               of a provision described in subsection (b)(2) (A) or  
21               (B), or both.

22               “(2) CONTENTS.—Each such application shall  
23               include—

24               “(A) a description of programs that have  
25               characteristics known to be effective for non-

1 traditional students, which will be carried out in  
2 support of the waiver, including programs re-  
3 lated to student financial aid counseling, aca-  
4 demic support services, study skills courses, re-  
5 medial courses, English as a Second Language  
6 courses, individual mentoring, skills assessment,  
7 addressing child care needs, and creating flexi-  
8 ble course schedules;

9 “(B) a description of the statutory and  
10 regulatory requirements described in subsection  
11 (b)(2) for which a waiver is sought and the rea-  
12 sons for which the waiver is sought;

13 “(C) in the case of an institution, a sys-  
14 tem, or a consortium applying for a waiver of  
15 a provision described in subsection (b)(2)(A), a  
16 description of the less than half-time students  
17 to whom such expanded financial assistance will  
18 be offered;

19 “(D) in the case of an institution, a sys-  
20 tem, or a consortium applying for a waiver of  
21 a provision described in subsection (b)(2)(B), a  
22 description of the programs with compressed,  
23 modular, or other alternative schedules in which  
24 students in the demonstration program will be  
25 enrolled;

1                   “(E) an assurance that the institution, sys-  
2                   tem, or consortium will offer full cooperation  
3                   with the ongoing evaluations of the demonstra-  
4                   tion program provided for in this section; and  
5                   “(F) such other information as the Sec-  
6                   retary may require.

7                   “(d) SELECTION.—

8                   “(1) IN GENERAL.—For the first 2 years of the  
9                   demonstration program the Secretary is authorized  
10                  to select for participation in the program not more  
11                  than an aggregate of 50 institutions of higher edu-  
12                  cation, systems of institutions of higher education,  
13                  or consortia of institutions of higher education. For  
14                  the third year of the demonstration program author-  
15                  ized under this section, not more than an aggregate  
16                  of 70 institutions, systems, or consortia, may partici-  
17                  pate in the demonstration program, if the Secretary  
18                  determines that such expansion is warranted based  
19                  on the evaluations and oversight conducted in ac-  
20                  cordance with subsections (f) and (g).

21                  “(2) CONSIDERATIONS.—In selecting institu-  
22                  tions, systems, or consortia to participate in the  
23                  demonstration program in the first or succeeding  
24                  years of the demonstration program, the Secretary  
25                  shall take into account—

1                 “(A) the number and quality of applica-  
2                 tions received;

3                 “(B) the Department’s capacity to oversee  
4                 and monitor the participation of each institu-  
5                 tion, system, or consortium;

6                 “(C) an institution’s, system’s, or consor-  
7                 tium’s—

8                         “(i) financial responsibility;

9                         “(ii) administrative capability;

10                         “(iii) number of matriculated students  
11                 enrolled less than half-time, or program or  
12                 programs to be offered with compressed,  
13                 modular, or other alternative schedules;  
14                 and

15                         “(iv) ability to offer programs that  
16                 have characteristics known to be effective  
17                 for nontraditional students, including pro-  
18                 grams that provide student financial aid  
19                 counseling, academic support services,  
20                 study skills courses, remedial courses,  
21                 English as a Second Language courses, in-  
22                 dividual mentoring, and skills assessment,  
23                 programs that address child care needs,  
24                 and programs that create flexible course  
25                 schedules; and

1                   “(D) ensuring the participation of a di-  
2                   verse group of institutions, systems, and con-  
3                   sortia with respect to size, mission, and geo-  
4                   graphic distribution.

5                   “(e) NOTIFICATION.—The Secretary shall make  
6                   available to the public and to the Committee on Health,  
7                   Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate and the  
8                   Committee on Education and the Workforce of the House  
9                   of Representatives a list of institutions, systems, or con-  
10                   sortia selected to participate in the demonstration pro-  
11                   gram authorized by this section. Such notice shall include  
12                   a listing of the specific statutory and regulatory require-  
13                   ments waived for each institution, system, or consortium  
14                   and a description of the students served or the types of  
15                   alternative schedule courses offered.

16                   “(f) EVALUATIONS AND REPORTS.—

17                   “(1) EVALUATIONS.—The Secretary shall eval-  
18                   uate the demonstration program authorized under  
19                   this section on an annual basis. Such evaluations  
20                   specifically shall review—

21                   “(A) the extent to which each institution,  
22                   system, or consortium participating in the dem-  
23                   onstration program has met the goals set forth  
24                   in its application to the Secretary, including the  
25                   measures of program quality assurance;

1                   “(B) the number and types of students  
2                   participating in the less than half-time dem-  
3                   onstration programs and in the alternative  
4                   schedule programs, including the progress of  
5                   participating students toward recognized certifi-  
6                   cates or degrees and the extent to which partici-  
7                   pation in such programs increased;

8                   “(C) issues related to student financial as-  
9                   sistance for less than half-time enrollment;

10                  “(D) issues related to student financial as-  
11                  sistance for students in compressed, modular,  
12                  or other alternative schedule programs; and

13                  “(E) the extent to which persistence or  
14                  completion increased or decreased for students  
15                  in the demonstration program as compared to  
16                  a comparable group of students.

17                  “(2) REPORTS.—Not later than 30 months  
18                  after the first waiver is authorized under this sec-  
19                  tion, the Secretary shall report to the Committee on  
20                  Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Sen-  
21                  ate and the Committee on Education and the Work-  
22                  force of the House of Representatives with respect  
23                  to—

24                  “(A) the evaluations of the demonstration  
25                  program authorized under this section; and

1                   “(B) any proposed statutory changes de-  
2                   signed to enhance persistence and completion  
3                   for students.

4                   “(g) OVERSIGHT.—In conducting the demonstration  
5                   program authorized under this section, the Secretary  
6                   shall, on a continuing basis—

7                   “(1) ensure the compliance of institutions, sys-  
8                   tems, and consortia participating in the demonstra-  
9                   tion program with the requirements of this title  
10                   (other than the sections and regulations that are  
11                   waived under subsection (b)(2)); and

12                   “(2) provide technical assistance.”.

## 13                   **TITLE II—SUPPORT SERVICES**

### 14                   **SEC. 201. STRENGTHENING INSTITUTIONS.**

15                   Section 311(c) of the Higher Education Act of 1965  
16                   (20 U.S.C. 1057(c)) is amended—

17                   (1) by redesignating paragraph (12) as para-  
18                   graph (13); and

19                   (2) by inserting after paragraph (11) the fol-  
20                   lowing:

21                   “(12) The introduction of reforms in remedial  
22                   education, including English language instruction, to  
23                   customize remedial courses to student goals and help  
24                   students move rapidly from remedial courses into  
25                   core courses and through program completion.”.

1 SEC. 202. GRANTS TO INCREASE COMPLETION BY IMPROV-  
2 ING REMEDIAL EDUCATION.

3 Part A of title III of the Higher Education Act of  
4 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1057 et seq.) is amended by adding at  
5 the end the following:

8       “(a) AUTHORIZATION OF PROGRAM.—From amounts  
9 appropriated under subsection (k), the Secretary shall  
10 award grants, on a competitive basis, to eligible institu-  
11 tions for the purposes of improving remedial education,  
12 including English language instruction, to customize re-  
13 medial courses to student goals and help students move  
14 rapidly from remedial courses into core program courses  
15 and through program completion.

16        "(b) DEFINITION OF ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION.—In  
17 this section, the term 'eligible institution' means an insti-  
18 tution of higher education (as defined in section 101(a))  
19 in which not less than 35 percent of the institution's enter-  
20 ing first-year students are enrolled in remedial courses to  
21 improve reading, writing, or mathematics.

22       “(c) APPLICATION.—An eligible institution seeking a  
23 grant under this section shall submit an application to the  
24 Secretary at such time, in such manner, and containing  
25 such information as the Secretary may require.

1       “(d) PRIORITY FOR REPLICATION OF PROVEN PRAC-  
2 TICES.—The Secretary shall give priority to applications  
3 that propose to replicate practices that have proven effec-  
4 tive with adults.

5       “(e) PEER REVIEW.—The Secretary shall convene a  
6 peer review process to review applications for grants under  
7 this section and to make recommendations to the Sec-  
8 retary regarding the selection of grantees.

9       “(f) MANDATORY ACTIVITY.—An eligible institution  
10 that receives a grant under this section shall use the grant  
11 funds to create bridge programs that customize remedial  
12 adult education, English as a Second Language, or reme-  
13 dial education curricula to the content of the certificate  
14 or degree programs or clusters of programs in which reme-  
15 dial education students enroll.

16       “(g) PERMISSIBLE ACTIVITIES.—An eligible institu-  
17 tion that receives a grant under this section may use the  
18 grant funds to carry out the following:

19           “(1) Designing and implementing innovative  
20 ways to improve retention in and completion of re-  
21 medial education courses, such as enrolling students  
22 in cohorts, providing counseling, and giving small,  
23 material incentives for attendance and performance.

1           “(2) Redesignating class schedules to meet the  
2        needs of working adults, through modular, com-  
3        pressed, repeated, or other alternative schedules.

4           “(3) Improving the quality of teaching in reme-  
5        dial courses through professional development, re-  
6        classification of such teaching positions, or other  
7        means the eligible institution determines appro-  
8        priate.

9           “(4) Any other activities the eligible institution  
10      and the Secretary determine will promote retention  
11      of and completion by students attending eligible in-  
12      stitutions.

13        “(h) GRANT PERIOD.—Grants made under this sec-  
14      tion shall be for a period of not less than 36 months and  
15      not more than 60 months.

16        “(i) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary shall  
17      enter into a contract with a private entity to provide such  
18      technical assistance to grantees under this section as the  
19      Secretary determines appropriate.

20        “(j) EVALUATION.—The Secretary shall conduct an  
21      evaluation of program impacts under the demonstration  
22      program, and shall disseminate to the public the findings  
23      from the evaluation and information on best practices.  
24      The Secretary is encouraged to partner with other  
25      funders, such as private foundations, to allow for use of

1 a random assignment evaluation in at least one of the  
2 demonstration sites.

3       “(k) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
4 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section  
5 \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2008 and each of the 5 suc-  
6 ceeding fiscal years, of which an aggregate of not more  
7 than 5 percent may be used to carry out subsections (i)  
8 and (j).”.

9 **SEC. 203. FEDERAL TRIO PROGRAMS.**

10       Section 402A of the Higher Education Act of 1965  
11 (20 U.S.C. 1070a–11) is amended—

12           (1) in subsection (b)—

13              (A) in paragraph (3)—

14                  (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
15                  “\$170,000” and inserting “\$190,000”;

16                  (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking  
17                  “\$180,000” and inserting “\$200,000”;

18                  and

19                  (iii) in subparagraph (C), by striking  
20                  “\$190,000” and inserting “\$220,000”;

21                  and

22              (B) by adding at the end the following:

23              “(4) INCREASES.—

24              “(A) IN GENERAL.—The amount of any  
25              funding increase described in subparagraph (B)

1 shall be used in part to help first year students  
2 by assigning counselors to the students so that  
3 there is consistency and continuity in the aca-  
4 demic and career advice the students receive.

5 “(B) FUNDING INCREASES.—The funding  
6 increase referred to in subparagraph (A) is—

7 “(i) in the case of a program author-  
8 ized by section 402D, the amount by which  
9 the individual grant exceeds \$170,000; and  
10 “(ii) in the case of a program author-  
11 ized by section 402F, the amount by which  
12 the individual grant exceeds \$180,000.”;  
13 and

14 (2) in subsection (f), by striking the first sen-  
15 tence and inserting the following: “For the purpose  
16 of making grants and contracts under this chapter,  
17 there are authorized to be appropriated  
18 \$1,250,000,000 for fiscal year 2008 and such sums  
19 as may be necessary for each of the 5 succeeding fis-  
20 cal years.”.

21 **SEC. 204. STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES.**

22 Section 402D(b)(2) of the Higher Education Act of  
23 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a–14(b)(2)) is amended to read as  
24 follows:

1           “(2) consistent, individualized personal, career,  
2        and academic counseling provided by assigned coun-  
3        selors;”.

4 **SEC. 205. EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTERS.**

5        Section 402F(b)(6) of the Higher Education Act of  
6 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a–16(b)(6)) is amended to read as  
7 follows:

8           “(6) consistent, individualized personal, career,  
9        and academic counseling provided by an assigned  
10      counselor during the admissions process that may be  
11      continued throughout students’ undergraduate en-  
12      rollment;”.

13 **SEC. 206. EARLY INTERVENTION AND COLLEGE AWARE-  
14           NESS PROGRAM.**

15        Section 404A(b) of the Higher Education Act of  
16 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a–21(b)) is amended—

17           (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “6 year”  
18      after “shall make”;

19           (2) in paragraph (2), by amending subpara-  
20      graph (B) to read as follows:

21           “(B) ensure that students served under  
22        this chapter on the day before the date of en-  
23        actment of the Nontraditional Student Success  
24        Act continue to receive assistance through the  
25        completion of secondary school and at least

1           through the first year of attendance at a post-  
2           secondary education institution.”; and  
3           (3) by adding at the end the following:  
4           “(3) CURRENT GRANTEES.—An eligible entity  
5           that has received an award under this section, has  
6           performed successfully, and still has need for an  
7           award may apply for an additional award under this  
8           section.”.

9 **SEC. 207. GEAR UP COHORT REQUIREMENT.**

10          Section 404B(g)(1)(B) of the Higher Education Act  
11          of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a–22(g)(1)(B)) is amended to  
12          read as follows:

13           “(B) ensure that the services are provided  
14           through the 12th grade and through the first  
15           year of attendance at a postsecondary education  
16           institution to students in the participating  
17           grade level.”.

18 **SEC. 208. EARLY INTERVENTION.**

19          Section 404D of the Higher Education Act of 1965  
20          (20 U.S.C. 1070a–24) is amended—

21           (1) in subsection (b)(2)(A), by amending the  
22           matter preceding clause (i) to read as follows:

23           “(A) Providing eligible students in pre-  
24           school through grade 12 and through the first  
25           year of attendance at a postsecondary education

1 institution with a continuing system of men-  
2 toring and advising that—”; and

3 (2) in subsection (c), by amending the matter  
4 preceding paragraph (1) to read as follows:

5 “(c) PRIORITY STUDENTS.—For eligible entities not  
6 using a cohort approach, the eligible entity shall treat as  
7 priority students any student in the preschool through  
8 grade 12 and through the first year of attendance at a  
9 postsecondary education institution who is eligible—”.

10 **SEC. 209. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

11 Section 404H of the Higher Education Act of 1965  
12 (20 U.S.C. 1070a–28) is amended by striking  
13 “\$200,000,000 for fiscal year 1999 and such sums as may  
14 be necessary for each of the 4 succeeding fiscal years” and  
15 inserting “\$500,000,000 for fiscal year 2008 and such  
16 sums as may be necessary for each of the 5 succeeding  
17 fiscal years”.

18 **SEC. 210. CHILD CARE ACCESS MEANS PARENTS IN SCHOOL  
19 PROGRAM.**

20 Section 419N(g) of the Higher Education Act of  
21 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070e(g)) is amended by striking  
22 “\$45,000,000 for fiscal year 1999” and inserting  
23 “\$75,000,000 for fiscal year 2008”.

1 **SEC. 211. INCREASED AWARENESS OF FINANCIAL AID**2 **AVAILABILITY.**

3       Part G of title IV of the Higher Education Act of  
4 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1088 et seq.) is amended by adding at  
5 the end the following:

6 **“SEC. 493C. INCREASED AWARENESS OF FINANCIAL AID**7 **AVAILABILITY.**

8       “The Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of  
9 Commerce, the Secretary of Health and Human Services,  
10 and the Secretary of Labor, shall establish a website and  
11 brochures for providing outreach about financial aid and  
12 education tax credits. The outreach shall target employers,  
13 one-stop centers, Head Start centers, and other locations  
14 the Secretary of Education determines appropriate.”.

15 **SEC. 212. HISPANIC-SERVING INSTITUTIONS.**

16       Section 503(b) of the Higher Education Act of 1965  
17 (20 U.S.C. 1101b(b)) is amended—

18           (1) by redesignating paragraph (14) as para-  
19 graph (15); and

20           (2) by inserting after paragraph (13) the fol-  
21 lowing:

22       “(14) The introduction of reforms in remedial  
23 education, including English language instruction, to  
24 customize remedial courses to student goals and help  
25 students move rapidly from remedial courses into  
26 core courses and through program completion.”.

1 **SEC. 213. FUND FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF POSTSEC-**  
2 **ONDARY EDUCATION.**

3 Section 741(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965  
4 (20 U.S.C. 1138(a)) is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (7), by striking “and” after  
6 the semicolon;

7 (2) in paragraph (8), by striking the period and  
8 inserting “; and”; and

9 (3) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(9) the introduction of reforms in remedial  
11 education, including English language instruction, to  
12 customize remedial courses to student goals and help  
13 students move rapidly from remedial courses into  
14 core courses and through program completion.”.

15 **SEC. 214. AMENDMENTS TO SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR STU-**  
16 **DENTS WHOSE FAMILIES ARE ENGAGED IN**  
17 **MIGRANT AND SEASONAL FARMWORK.**

18 Section 418A of the Higher Education Act of 1965  
19 (20 U.S.C. 1070d-2) is amended—

20 (1) in subsection (b)(8), by inserting “such as  
21 childcare and transportation,” after “supportive  
22 services,”; and

23 (2) in subsection (h)—

24 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking  
25 “\$15,000,000 for fiscal year 1999 and such  
26 sums as may be necessary for each of the 4

1           succeeding fiscal years” and inserting  
2        “\$75,000,000 for fiscal year 2008 and such  
3        sums as may be necessary for each of the 5  
4        succeeding fiscal years”; and

5 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking  
6 “\$5,000,000 for fiscal year 1999 and such  
7 sums as may be necessary for each of the 4  
8 succeeding fiscal years” and inserting  
9 “\$75,000,000 for fiscal year 2008 and such  
10 sums as may be necessary for each of the 5  
11 succeeding fiscal years”.

## 12 **TITLE III—LIFETIME LEARNING** 13 **CREDIT**

## 14 SEC. 301. IMPROVEMENT OF LIFETIME LEARNING CREDIT.

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—

16 (1) INCREASE IN AMOUNT.—Section 25A(c)(1)  
17 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to  
18 lifetime learning credit) is amended—

19 (A) by striking “20 percent” and inserting  
20 “50 percent”,

21 (B) by striking “qualified tuition and re-  
22 lated expenses” and inserting “qualified higher  
23 education expenses”, and

(C) by striking “\$10,000 (\$5,000 in the case of taxable years beginning before January 1, 2003)” and inserting “\$4,000”.

8                   “(3)    QUALIFIED    HIGHER    EDUCATION    EX-  
9                   PENSES.—The term ‘qualified higher education ex-  
10                  penses’ means, with respect to any individual de-  
11                  scribed in clause (i), (ii), or (iii) of paragraph  
12                  (1)(A)—

16                   “(B) in the case of an individual with spe-  
17                   cial needs, expenses for special needs services  
18                   which are incurred in connection with such en-  
19                   rollment or attendance.

20                   “(C) expenses for child care which are in-  
21                   curred in connection with such enrollment or  
22                   attendance, and

1       With respect to expenses described in subparagraph  
2       (D), only the first \$250 of such expenses for any  
3       month shall be taken into account.”.

4                   (3) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Paragraphs  
5       (1), (2), (3), and (4) of section 25A(g) of such Code  
6       are each amended by inserting “and qualified higher  
7       education expenses” after “qualified tuition and re-  
8       lated expenses” each place it appears.

9                   (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
10    this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after  
11    December 31, 2006.

12    **SEC. 302. REFUNDABILITY OF LIFETIME LEARNING CREDIT.**

13                   (a) REFUNDABLE CREDIT.—

14                   (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 25A of the Internal  
15    Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by redesignating  
16    subsection (i) as subsection (j) and by inserting after  
17    subsection (h) the following new subsection:

18                   “(i) PORTION OF CREDIT REFUNDABLE.—

19                   “(1) IN GENERAL.—The aggregate credits al-  
20    lowed to a taxpayer under subpart C shall be in-  
21    creased by the amount of the credit allowed under  
22    this section by reason of subsection (a)(2) without  
23    regard to this subsection and the limitation under  
24    section 26(a).

1               “(2) NO DOUBLE BENEFIT.—The amount of  
2               the credit allowed under this subsection shall not be  
3               treated as a credit allowed under this subpart and  
4               shall reduce the amount of the credit otherwise al-  
5               lowable under subsection (a) without regard to sec-  
6               tion 26(a).”.

7               (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Paragraph (2)  
8               of section 1324(b) of title 31, United States Code,  
9               is amended by inserting before the period “or from  
10               section 25A(i) of such Code”.

11               (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
12               this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after  
13               December 31, 2006.

14               **SEC. 303. ADVANCE PAYMENT OF LIFETIME LEARNING**  
15               **CREDIT.**

16               (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 77 of the Internal Rev-  
17               enue Code of 1986 (relating to miscellaneous provisions)  
18               is amended by redesignating section 7528 as section 7529  
19               and inserting after section 7527 the following new section:

20               **“SEC. 7528. ADVANCE PAYMENT OF LIFETIME LEARNING**  
21               **CREDIT.**

22               “(a) GENERAL RULE.—Not later than August 1,  
23               2007, the Secretary shall establish a program for making  
24               payments on behalf of certified individuals to eligible edu-  
25               cational institutions.

1       “(b) LIMITATION ON ADVANCE PAYMENTS DURING  
2 ANY TAXABLE YEAR.—The Secretary may make pay-  
3 ments under subsection (a) only to the extent that the  
4 total amount of such payments made on behalf of any indi-  
5 vidual during the taxable year does not exceed an amount  
6 equal to 50 percent of so much of the qualified higher edu-  
7 cation expenses paid with respect to such individual as  
8 does not exceed \$4,000 for such year. For purposes of this  
9 section, qualified higher education expenses taken into ac-  
10 count with respect to any individual shall be reduced—

11       “(1) by the amount of qualified tuition and re-  
12 lated expenses taken into account under section  
13 25A(b) (if any), and

14       “(2) under rules similar to the rules under sec-  
15 tion 25A(g)(2).

16       “(c) CERTIFIED INDIVIDUAL.—For purposes of this  
17 section, the term ‘certified individual’ means any indi-  
18 vidual for whom a qualified education costs credit eligi-  
19 bility certificate is in effect.

20       “(d) QUALIFIED EDUCATION COSTS CREDIT ELIGI-  
21 BILITY CERTIFICATE.—For purposes of this section, the  
22 term ‘qualified education costs credit eligibility certificate’  
23 means a written statement that an individual has incurred  
24 costs which are qualified higher education expenses.

25       “(e) OTHER DEFINITIONS AND SPECIAL RULES.—

1           “(1) DEFINITIONS.—Any term used in this sec-  
2       tion which is also used in section 25A shall have the  
3       meaning given such term in section 25A.

4           “(2) RULES.—Except as otherwise provided in  
5       this section, payments made under subsection (a)  
6       shall be subject to rules similar to the rules of sec-  
7       tion 25A.”.

8           (b) COORDINATION OF LIFETIME LEARNING CREDIT  
9       WITH ADVANCED PAYMENT.—Section 25A of the Internal  
10      Revenue Code of 1986, as amended by section 302, is  
11      amended by redesignating subsection (j) as subsection (k)  
12      and by inserting after subsection (i) the following new sub-  
13      section:

14           “(j) COORDINATION WITH ADVANCE PAYMENT.—

15           “(1) RECAPTURE OF EXCESS ADVANCE PAY-  
16      MENTS.—

17           “(A) IN GENERAL.—If any payment is  
18       made to an eligible educational institution on  
19       behalf of an individual under section 7528 dur-  
20       ing any calendar year, then the tax imposed by  
21       this chapter on the applicable taxpayer for the  
22       last taxable year beginning in such calendar  
23       year shall be increased by the aggregate  
24       amount of such payments.

1                         “(B) APPLICABLE TAXPAYER.—For pur-  
2                         poses of subparagraph (A), the applicable tax-  
3                         payer is—

4                         “(i) such individual, or  
5                         “(ii) in the case a taxpayer who is al-  
6                         lowed a deduction with respect to such in-  
7                         dividual under section 151(c), such tax-  
8                         payer.

9                         “(2) RECONCILIATION OF PAYMENTS AD-  
10                         VANCED AND CREDIT ALLOWED.—Any increase in  
11                         tax under paragraph (1) shall not be treated as tax  
12                         imposed by this chapter for purposes of determining  
13                         the amount of any credit (other than the credit al-  
14                         lowed by subsection (a)) allowable under this part  
15                         and subpart C.”.

16                         (c) DISCLOSURE OF RETURN INFORMATION FOR  
17                         PURPOSES OF CARRYING OUT A PROGRAM FOR ADVANCE  
18                         PAYMENT OF LIFETIME LEARNING CREDIT.—

19                         (1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (l) of section  
20                         6103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating  
21                         to disclosure of returns and return information for  
22                         purposes other than tax administration) is amended  
23                         by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

24                         “(21) DISCLOSURE OF RETURN INFORMATION  
25                         FOR PURPOSES OF CARRYING OUT A PROGRAM FOR

1 ADVANCE PAYMENT OF LIFETIME LEARNING CRED-  
2 IT.—The Secretary may disclose to educational insti-  
3 tutions for any certified individual (as defined in  
4 section 7528(c)) return information with respect to  
5 such certified individual only to the extent necessary  
6 to carry out the program established by section 7528  
7 (relating to advance payment of Lifetime Learning  
8 credit).”.

9 (2) PROCEDURES AND RECORDKEEPING RE-  
10 LATED TO DISCLOSURES.—Subsection (p) of such  
11 section is amended—

12 (A) in paragraph (3)(A) by striking “or  
13 (18)” and inserting “(18), or (21)”, and  
14 (B) in paragraph (4) by striking “or (20)”  
15 and inserting “(20), or (21)” each place it ap-  
16 pears.

17 (3) UNAUTHORIZED INSPECTION OF RETURNS  
18 OR RETURN INFORMATION.—Section  
19 7213A(a)(1)(B) of such Code is amended by striking  
20 “(l)(18) or (n)” and inserting “(l)(18), (l)(19), or  
21 (n)”.

22 (d) INFORMATION REPORTING.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subpart B of part III of  
24 subchapter A of chapter 61 of the Internal Revenue  
25 Code of 1986 (relating to information concerning

1 transactions with other persons) is amended by in-  
2 serting after section 6050V the following new sec-  
3 tion:

4 **“SEC. 6050W. RETURNS RELATING TO LIFETIME LEARNING**

5 **CREDIT.**

6 “(a) REQUIREMENT OF REPORTING.—Every person  
7 who is entitled to receive payments for any month of any  
8 calendar year under section 7528 (relating to advance pay-  
9 ment of Lifetime Learning credit) with respect to any cer-  
10 tified individual (as defined in section 7528(c)) shall, at  
11 such time as the Secretary may prescribe, make the return  
12 described in subsection (b) with respect to each such indi-  
13 vidual.

14 “(b) FORM AND MANNER OF RETURNS.—A return  
15 is described in this subsection if such return—

16 “(1) is in such form as the Secretary may pre-  
17 scribe, and

18 “(2) contains—

19 “(A) the name, address, and TIN of each  
20 individual referred to in subsection (a),

21 “(B) the amount entitled to be received for  
22 each year with respect to such individual under  
23 section 7528, and

24 “(C) such other information as the Sec-  
25 retary may prescribe.

1       “(c) STATEMENTS TO BE FURNISHED TO INDIVID-  
2   UALS WITH RESPECT TO WHOM INFORMATION IS RE-  
3   QUIRED.—Every person required to make a return under  
4   subsection (a) shall furnish to each individual whose name  
5   is required to be set forth in such return a written state-  
6   ment showing—

7           “(1) the name and address of the person re-  
8   quired to make such return and the phone number  
9   of the information contact for such person, and  
10           “(2) the information required to be shown on  
11   the return with respect to such individual.

12   The written statement required under the preceding sen-  
13   tence shall be furnished on or before January 31 of the  
14   year following the calendar year for which the return  
15   under subsection (a) is required to be made.”.

16           (2) ASSESSABLE PENALTIES.—

17           (A) Subparagraph (B) of section  
18   6724(d)(1) of such Code (relating to defini-  
19   tions) is amended by striking “or” at the end  
20   of clause (xix), by striking “and” at the end of  
21   clause (xx) and inserting “or”, and by inserting  
22   after clause (xx) the following new clause:

23           “(xxi) section 6050W (relating to re-  
24   turns relating to Lifetime Learning cred-  
25   it),”.

8 (e) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

“Sec. 7528. Advance payment of Lifetime Learning credit.”.

“Sec. 6050W. Returns relating to Lifetime Learning credit.”.

18 (f) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
19 this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment  
20 of this Act.

