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To improve college affordability.

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Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California (for herself, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. COSTA, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. DELANEY, Ms. EDWARDS, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. ENGEL, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. MOORE, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. HONDA, Mr. KILMER, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Ms. LEE, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. NADLER, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. NOLAN, Ms. NORTON, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. RUSH, and Mr. SERRANO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

To improve college affordability.

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 “Creating Higher Edu-
5 cation Affordability Necessary to Compete Economically
6 Act” or the “Middle Class CHANCE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF A FED-**
2 **ERAL PELL GRANT.**

3 Section 401(b)(7)(C) of the Higher Education Act of
4 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a(b)(7)(C)) is amended by striking
5 clauses (ii) and (iii) and inserting the following:

6 “(ii) AWARD YEAR 2017–2018.—For
7 award year 2017–2018, the amount deter-
8 mined under this subparagraph for pur-
9 poses of subparagraph (B)(iii) shall be in-
10 creased to \$9,410.

11 “(iii) SUBSEQUENT AWARD YEARS.—
12 For award year 2018–2019 and each sub-
13 sequent award year, the amount deter-
14 mined under this subparagraph for pur-
15 poses of subparagraph (B)(iii) shall be
16 equal to—

17 “(I) the amount determined
18 under this subparagraph for the pre-
19 ceding award year; increased by

20 “(II) a percentage equal to the
21 annual adjustment percentage for the
22 award year for which the amount
23 under this subparagraph is being de-
24 termined; and

25 “(III) rounded to the nearest
26 \$5.”.

1 **SEC. 3. YEAR-ROUND FEDERAL PELL GRANT STUDENTS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 401(b) of the Higher
3 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a(b)) is amended
4 by adding at the end the following:

5 “(8) YEAR-ROUND FEDERAL PELL GRANT STU-
6 DENTS.—

7 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any
8 other provision of this subsection, the Secretary
9 shall award, to an eligible student who meets
10 the requirements in subparagraph (B) who has
11 received a Federal Pell Grant for an award year
12 and is enrolled in a program of study for one
13 or more additional payment periods during the
14 same award year that are not otherwise covered
15 by the student’s Federal Pell Grant, an addi-
16 tional Federal Pell Grant for the additional
17 payment periods.

18 “(B) ELIGIBILITY.—In order to be eligible
19 to receive the additional Federal Pell Grant for
20 an award year that is described in subpara-
21 graph (A), a student shall, in addition to meet-
22 ing all eligibility requirements for the receipt of
23 a Federal Pell Grant—

24 “(i) be enrolled at least on a part-time
25 basis in an institution of higher education;
26 and

1 “(ii) have successfully completed at
2 least a full-time course load (as determined
3 by the institution) prior to receiving an ad-
4 ditional Federal Pell Grant award as de-
5 scribed in subparagraph (A).

6 “(C) AMOUNTS.—In the case of a student
7 receiving more than one Federal Pell Grant in
8 a single award year under subparagraph (A),
9 the total amount of the Federal Pell Grants
10 awarded to such student for the award year
11 shall not exceed an amount equal to 150 per-
12 cent of the total maximum Federal Pell Grant
13 for such award year calculated in accordance
14 with paragraph (7)(C)(iv)(II).

15 “(D) INCLUSION IN DURATION LIMIT.—
16 Any period of study covered by a Federal Pell
17 Grant awarded under subparagraph (A) shall
18 be included in determining a student’s duration
19 limit under subsection (c)(5).

20 “(9) CROSSOVER PERIOD.—In any case where
21 an eligible student is receiving a Federal Pell Grant
22 for a payment period that spans 2 award years, the
23 Secretary shall allow the eligible institution in which
24 the student is enrolled to determine the award year
25 to which the additional period shall be assigned.”.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
2 subsection (a) shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

3 **SEC. 4. PELL GRANT DURATION LIMIT.**

4 Section 401(c)(5) of the Higher Education Act of
5 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a(c)(5)) is amended by striking “12
6 semesters” and inserting “15 semesters” each place the
7 term appears.

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