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# H. R. 625

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to expand eligibility for participation in the Federal Pell Grant program to certain trade schools.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WITTMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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## 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 “Professional Pell Edu-  
5 cation Learning Act” or the “PROPEL Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FEDERAL PELL GRANTS.**

7       (a) CLARIFICATION OF ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS.—  
8 Section 401(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20  
9 U.S.C. 1070a(a)) is amended by adding at the end the  
10 following:

1                 “(4) Notwithstanding any other provision of  
2                 this Act, for purposes of this section, the terms ‘eli-  
3                 gible institution’, ‘institution of higher education’,  
4                 ‘eligible program’, and ‘institution’ include a pro-  
5                 gram of education that—

6                     “(A) consists of vocational or technical  
7                 training, flight training, or apprenticeship or  
8                 other on-job training;

9                     “(B) an individual may pursue using edu-  
10                 cational assistance pursuant to section 3313(g)  
11                 of title 38, United States Code;

12                     “(C) is less than 600 clock hours of in-  
13                 struction, 16 semester hours, or 24 quarter  
14                 hours, offered during a period of less than 15  
15                 weeks;

16                     “(D) is not required to be accredited by a  
17                 nationally recognized accrediting agency or as-  
18                 sociation recognized by the Secretary pursuant  
19                 to part H;

20                     “(E) is not required to lead to a recognized  
21                 educational credential;

22                     “(F) for purposes of the reporting require-  
23                 ments under section 132(i), reports on all en-  
24                 rolled students without regard to whether a stu-

1           dent is a first-time, full-time, degree- or certifi-  
2           cate-seeking student; and

3           “(G) except as otherwise provided in sub-  
4           paragraphs (A) through (F) of this paragraph,  
5           meets the requirements of this title for an insti-  
6           tution to participate in the program under this  
7           section.”.

8           (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 484(a)(1)  
9           of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
10 1091(a)(1)) is amended by inserting “or, for purposes of  
11 the Federal Pell Grant program under section 401, a pro-  
12 gram of education described in section 401(a)(4)” after  
13 “section 487”.

