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To improve college affordability.

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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 2014–2015.—For
7 award year 2014–2015, the amount deter-
8 mined under this subparagraph for pur-
9 poses of subparagraph (B)(iii) shall be in-
10 creased to \$4,040.

11 “(iii) SUBSEQUENT AWARD YEARS.—
12 For award year 2015–2016 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 other
8 provision of this subsection, the Secretary shall
9 award, to an eligible student who meets the require-
10 ments in subparagraph (B) who has received a Fed-
11 eral Pell Grant for an award year and is enrolled in
12 a program of study for one or more additional pay-
13 ment periods during the same award year that are
14 not otherwise covered by the student’s Federal Pell
15 Grant, an additional Federal Pell Grant for the ad-
16 ditional payment periods.

17 “(B) ELIGIBILITY.—In order to be eligible to
18 receive the additional Federal Pell Grant for an
19 award year that is described in subparagraph (A), a
20 student shall, in addition to meeting all eligibility re-
21 quirements for the receipt of a Federal Pell Grant—

22 “(i) be enrolled full-time in an institution
23 of higher education; and

24 “(ii) have successfully completed at least a
25 full-time course load (as determined by the in-
26 stitution) prior to receiving an additional Fed-

1 eral Pell Grant award as described in subpara-
2 graph (A).

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

11 “(D) INCLUSION IN DURATION LIMIT.—Any pe-
12 riod of study covered by a Federal Pell Grant
13 awarded under subparagraph (A) shall be included
14 in determining a student’s duration limit under sub-
15 section (c)(5).

16 “(9) CROSSOVER PERIOD.—In any case where an eli-
17 gible student is receiving a Federal Pell Grant for a pay-
18 ment period that spans 2 award years, the Secretary shall
19 allow the eligible institution in which the student is en-
20 rolled to determine the award year to which the additional
21 period shall be assigned.”.

22 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
23 subsection (a) shall take effect on July 1, 2014.

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

2 Section 401(c)(5) of the Higher Education Act of
3 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a(c)(5)) is amended by striking “12
4 semesters” and inserting “15 semesters” each place the
5 term appears.

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