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# H. R. 221

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 the Workforce

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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 (1) AWARD YEAR 2023–2024.—Section 401(a) of  
9 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.

1       1070a(a)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
2       lowing:

3       “(4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act,  
4       for purposes of this section, the terms ‘eligible institution’,  
5       ‘institution of higher education’, ‘eligible program’, and  
6       ‘institution’ include a program of education that—

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

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

13              “(C) is less than 600 clock hours of instruction,  
14       16 semester hours, or 24 quarter hours, offered dur-  
15       ing a period of less than 15 weeks;

16              “(D) is not required to be accredited by a na-  
17       tionally recognized accrediting agency or association  
18       recognized by the Secretary pursuant to part H;

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

21              “(F) for purposes of the reporting requirements  
22       under section 132(i), reports on all enrolled students  
23       without regard to whether a student is a first-time,  
24       full-time, degree- or certificate-seeking student; and

1           “(G) except as otherwise provided in subpara-  
2           graphs (A) through (F) of this paragraph, meets the  
3           requirements of this title for an institution to par-  
4           ticipate in the program under this section.”.

5           (2) AWARD YEAR 2024–2025 AND EACH SUC-  
6           CEEDING AWARD YEAR.—Section 401(a) of the  
7           Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
8           1070a(a)), as amended by the FAFSA Simplifica-  
9           tion Act (section 703 of division FF of Public Law  
10          116–260), is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
11          lowing:

12          “(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act,  
13          for purposes of this section, the terms ‘eligible institution’,  
14          ‘institution of higher education’, ‘eligible program’, and  
15          ‘institution’ include a program of education that—

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17               flight training, or apprenticeship or other on-job  
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10          “(G) except as otherwise provided in subpara-  
11          graphs (A) through (F) of this paragraph, meets the  
12          requirements of this title for an institution to par-  
13          ticipate in the program under this section.”.

14          (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 484(a)(1)  
15 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
16 1091(a)(1)) is amended by inserting “or, for purposes of  
17 the Federal Pell Grant program under section 401, a pro-  
18 gram of education described in section 401(a)(3) for  
19 award year 2023–2024, or section 401(a)(4) for award  
20 year 2024–2025 or any succeeding award year” after  
21 “section 487”.

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