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H. R. 3512

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to clarify the Federal Pell Grant duration limits of borrowers who attend an institution of higher education that closes or commits fraud or other misconduct, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 16, 2015

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia (for himself, Mr. HINOJOSA, Ms. HAHN, Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. COURTNEY, Ms. FUDGE, Mr. POLIS, Mr. SABLAN, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. POCAN, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. JEFFRIES, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. DESAULNIER, Ms. BASS, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. CLAY, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. FATTAH, Ms. FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. GUTIÉRREZ, Mr. HECK of Washington, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. MCDERMOTT, Ms. MOORE, Mr. MURPHY of Florida, Mr. PIERLUISI, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. RICHMOND, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. DOGGETT, and Mr. SWALWELL of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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 “Pell Grant Restoration
5 Act of 2015”.

6 **SEC. 2. FEDERAL PELL GRANT DURATION LIMITS.**

7 Section 401(c)(5) of the Higher Education Act of
8 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a(c)(5)) is amended—

9 (1) by striking “The period” and inserting “(A)
10 Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the pe-
11 riod”; and

12 (2) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(B)(i) Any Federal Pell Grant that a stu-
14 dent received during a period described in sub-
15 clause (I) or (II) of clause (ii) shall not count
16 towards the student’s duration limits under this
17 paragraph.

18 “(ii) Clause (i) shall apply with respect to
19 any Federal Pell Grant awarded to a student to
20 attend an institution—

21 “(I) during a period—

22 “(aa) for which the student re-
23 ceived a loan under this title; and

1 “(bb) for which the loan de-
2 scribed in item (aa) is forgiven
3 under—

4 “(AA) section 437(c)(1) or
5 464(g)(1) due to the closing of
6 the institution;

7 “(BB) section 455(h) due to
8 the student’s successful assertion
9 of a defense to repayment of the
10 loan; or

11 “(CC) section 432(a)(6) of
12 this Act, section 685.215 of title
13 34, Code of Federal Regulations
14 (or a successor regulation), or
15 any other loan forgiveness provi-
16 sion or regulation under this Act,
17 as a result of a determination by
18 the Secretary or a court that the
19 institution committed fraud or
20 other misconduct; or

21 “(II) during a period for which the
22 student did not receive a loan under this
23 title but for which, if the student had re-
24 ceived such a loan, the student would have

1 qualified for loan forgiveness under sub-
2 clause (I)(bb).”.

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