

118TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 4337

To expand access to graduate education by amending the Federal Pell Grant program to include postbaccalaureate study.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 23, 2023

Ms. KUSTER (for herself, Mr. BURCHETT, and Ms. SCHRIER) 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 “Expanding Access to  
5 Graduate Education Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. FEDERAL PELL GRANTS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 401 of the Higher Edu-  
8 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a), as amended by sec-

1 tion 703 of the FAFSA Simplification Act (division FF  
2 of Public Law 116–260) is further amended—

3 (1) in subsection (b)(8)(A), by inserting “or as  
4 a postbaccalaureate student in accordance with sub-  
5 section (d)(4),” after “as an undergraduate,”; and

6 (2) in subsection (d), by amending paragraph  
7 (4) to read as follows:

8 “(4) POSTBACCALAUREATE PROGRAMS.—Not-  
9 withstanding paragraph (1), the period during which  
10 a student may receive Federal Pell Grants shall also  
11 include the period required for the completion of the  
12 first postbaccalaureate course of study in a case in  
13 which—

14 “(A) the student received a Federal Pell  
15 Grant during the period required for the com-  
16 pletion of the student’s first undergraduate bac-  
17 calaureate course of study for at least 1 but  
18 fewer than 12 semesters, or the equivalent of at  
19 least 1 but fewer than 12 semesters, as deter-  
20 mined under paragraph (5);

21 “(B) the student would otherwise be eligi-  
22 ble for a Federal Pell Grant, but for the com-  
23 pletion of such baccalaureate course of study;  
24 and

1           “(C) the period during which the student  
2           receives Federal Pell Grants does not exceed  
3           the student’s duration limits under paragraph  
4           (5).”.

5           (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by  
6           subsection (a) shall take effect as if included in the  
7           FAFSA Simplification Act (title VII of division FF of  
8           Public Law 116–260) and subject to the effective date of  
9           section 701(b) of such Act, as amended by section 102(a)  
10          of the FAFSA Simplification Act Technical Corrections  
11          Act (division R of Public Law 117–103) (including the  
12          authorization provided under section 102(c)(1)(A) of such  
13          Act).

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