

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4931

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to change certain Federal Pell Grant requirements for certain students with disabilities, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 26, 2023

Mr. MORELLE (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. BOWMAN, and Mr. KEATING) 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 Flexibility
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO THE HIGHER EDUCATION ACT OF**

7 **1965.**

8 (a) AMENDMENTS.—Section 401(b)(2) of the Higher
9 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a(b)(2)), as

1 amended by section 703 of division FF of the Consolidated
2 Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116–260), is
3 amended—

4 (1) by striking “In any case” and inserting the
5 following:

6 “(A) REDUCTION.—Except as provided in
7 subparagraph (B), in any case”; and

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

9 “(B) STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES.—

10 “(i) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a
11 student with a disability (as defined in sec-
12 tion 3 of the Americans with Disabilities
13 Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12102)) for whom
14 a reduced course load has been determined
15 appropriate by the institution of higher
16 education, the student’s enrollment in the
17 reduced course load or 5 credits (or the
18 equivalent), whichever is greater, shall be
19 deemed to be enrollment on a full-time
20 basis for purposes of calculating the
21 amount of the Federal Pell Grant to which
22 the student is entitled.

23 “(ii) LIMITED APPLICATION.—A de-
24 termination under clause (i) shall not be
25 used in the calculation of Federal Pell

1 Grant semester eligibility under subsection
2 (d)(5).”.

3 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
4 this section shall take effect as if included in section 703
5 of division FF of the Consolidated Appropriations Act,
6 2021 (Public Law 116–260) and subject to the effective
7 date of section 701(b) of such FAFSA Simplification Act,
8 as amended by section 102(a) of the FAFSA Simplifica-
9 tion Act Technical Corrections Act (division R of Public
10 Law 117–103) (including the authorization provided
11 under section 102(c)(1)(A) of such Act).

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