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To restore access to year-round Federal Pell Grants.

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Affordability for Con-
3 stant and Continual Education to Enhance Student Suc-
4 cess Act” or the “All-Year ACCESS Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. YEAR-ROUND FEDERAL PELL GRANT STUDENTS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 401(b) of the Higher
7 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a(b)) is amended
8 by adding at the end the following:

9 “(8) YEAR-ROUND FEDERAL PELL GRANT STU-
10 DENTS.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any
12 other provision of this subsection, the Secretary
13 shall award, to an eligible student who meets
14 the requirements in subparagraph (B) who has
15 received a Federal Pell Grant for an award year
16 and is enrolled in a program of study for one
17 or more additional payment periods during the
18 same award year that are not otherwise covered
19 by the student’s Federal Pell Grant, an addi-
20 tional Federal Pell Grant for the additional
21 payment periods.

22 “(B) ELIGIBILITY.—In order to be eligible
23 to receive the additional Federal Pell Grant for
24 an award year that is described in subpara-
25 graph (A), a student shall, in addition to meet-

1 ing all eligibility requirements for the receipt of
2 a Federal Pell Grant—

3 “(i) be enrolled on at least a half-time
4 basis for a period of more than one aca-
5 demic year, or more than 2 semesters or
6 the equivalent of 2 semesters, during a sin-
7 gle award year; and

8 “(ii) be enrolled in a program of in-
9 struction at an institution of higher edu-
10 cation for which the institution awards an
11 associate or baccalaureate degree or a cer-
12 tificate.

13 “(C) AMOUNTS.—In the case of a student
14 receiving more than one Federal Pell Grant in
15 a single award year under subparagraph (A),
16 the total amount of the Federal Pell Grants
17 awarded to such student for the award year
18 shall not exceed an amount equal to 150 per-
19 cent of the total maximum Federal Pell Grant
20 for such award year calculated in accordance
21 with paragraph (7)(C)(iv)(II).

22 “(D) INCLUSION IN DURATION LIMIT.—
23 Any period of study covered by a Federal Pell
24 Grant awarded under subparagraph (A) shall

1 be included in determining a student’s duration
2 limit under subsection (c)(5).

3 “(9) CROSSOVER PERIOD.—In any case where
4 an eligible student is receiving a Federal Pell Grant
5 for a payment period that spans 2 award years, the
6 Secretary shall allow the eligible institution in which
7 the student is enrolled to determine the award year
8 to which the additional period shall be assigned.”.

9 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
10 subsection (a) shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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