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H. R. 1635

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to increase the period of eligibility for Federal Pell Grants, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. STEVENS (for herself and Mr. GOMEZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and 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 to Grad Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. PERIOD OF ELIGIBILITY FOR GRANTS.**

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

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

1 (2) in subsection (d)—

2 (A) by amending paragraph (1) to read as
3 follows:

4 “(1) The period during which a student may re-
5 ceive Federal Pell Grants shall be the period re-
6 quired for the completion of the first undergraduate
7 baccalaureate course of study being pursued by that
8 student at the institution at which the student is in
9 attendance except that—

10 “(A) any period during which the student
11 is enrolled in a noncredit or remedial course of
12 study, as described in paragraph (2), shall not
13 be counted for the purpose of this paragraph;
14 and

15 “(B) the period during which a student
16 may receive Federal Pell Grants shall also in-
17 clude the period required for the completion of
18 the first postbaccalaureate course of study at
19 an eligible institution that is an institution of
20 higher education as defined in section 101, in
21 a case in which—

22 “(i) the student received a Federal
23 Pell Grant during the period required for
24 the completion of the student’s first under-
25 graduate baccalaureate course of study for

1 at least 1 but fewer than 16 semesters, or
2 the equivalent of at least 1 but fewer than
3 16 semesters, as determined under para-
4 graph (5);

5 “(ii) the student would otherwise be
6 eligible for a Federal Pell Grant, but for
7 the completion of such baccalaureate
8 course of study; and

9 “(iii) the period during which the stu-
10 dent receives Federal Pell Grants does not
11 exceed the student’s duration limits under
12 paragraph (5).”; and

13 (B) in paragraph (5)(A), by striking “12”
14 each place it appears and inserting “16”.

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