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H. R. 5675

To increase the total maximum Federal Pell Grant, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 3, 2025

Mr. CARBAJAL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Education and Workforce

A BILL

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for other purposes.

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 “Degrees Not Debt Act
5 of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF A FED-**
7 **ERAL PELL GRANT.**

8 (a) AWARD YEAR 2026–2027 AND SUBSEQUENT
9 AWARD YEARS.—

10 (1) AMENDMENT TO AWARD AMOUNT.—Section
11 401(b)(5)(A) of the Higher Education Act of 1965

1 (20 U.S.C. 1070a(b)(5)(A)), is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 “(A)(i) AWARD YEARS 2026–2027 AND 2027–
4 2028.—For award years 2026–2027 and 2027–
5 2028, the total maximum Federal Pell Grant
6 award per student shall be equal to \$14,800,
7 reduced by the amount specified as the max-
8 imum Federal Pell Grant in the last enacted
9 appropriation Act applicable to that award year.

10 “(ii) SUBSEQUENT AWARD YEARS.—For
11 award year 2028–2029, and each subsequent
12 award year, the total maximum Federal Pell
13 Grant award per student shall be equal to the
14 amount that is equal to \$14,800, increased by
15 a percentage equal to the annual adjustment
16 percentage for the award year for which the
17 amount under this subparagraph is being deter-
18 mined, then reduced by the amount specified as
19 the maximum Federal Pell Grant in the last en-
20 acted appropriation Act applicable to that
21 award year.”.

22 (2) DEFINITION.—Section 401(a)(2) of the
23 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
24 1070a(a)(2)) is amended—

1 (A) in subparagraph (E), by striking
2 “and” after the semicolon;

3 (B) in subparagraph (F), by striking the
4 period and inserting “; and”; and

5 (C) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(G) the term ‘annual adjustment percent-
7 age’ as applied to an award year, is equal to the
8 estimated percentage change in the Consumer
9 Price Index (as determined by the Secretary,
10 using the definition in section 478(f)), for the
11 most recent calendar year ending prior to the
12 beginning of that award year.”.

13 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
14 subsection (a) shall take effect on July 1, 2026, and shall
15 apply with respect to each award year (as defined in sec-
16 tion 481 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
17 1088)) beginning on or after such date.

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