

The Bipartisan Workforce Pell Act

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THE PROBLEM

- Employers across all industries are eager to find qualified workers, and job creators find that skills-based credentials beyond a traditional degree can effectively prepare workers. Unfortunately, many programs are unaffordable for low-income students.
- While skills-based hiring has been on the rise, there are nearly 10 million unfilled jobs across the country and over six million unemployed individuals.

THE SOLUTION

- The Pell Grant is a transformative tool, providing access to postsecondary education for millions of Americans who would otherwise be unable to afford it.
- The *Bipartisan Workforce Pell Act* provides opportunities for students and workers looking to gain skills in high-demand fields by allowing Pell Grants to support students enrolled in high-quality, short-term education programs that will lead to career advancement.



H.R. 6585, BIPARTISAN WORKFORCE PELL ACT:

- ✓ Helps students participate in short-term programs to move into a job quickly.
- ✓ Creates a quality assurance system for Workforce Pell Grant programs—allowing any institution of higher education to participate as long as they meet all the requirements.
- ✓ Ensures all programs provide education aligned with requirements of in-demand industries, meet employers' hiring requirements, and provide students with relevant skills necessary for employment.
- ✓ Guarantees that program prices are aligned with economic value, so students and taxpayers receive a positive return on investment.
- ✓ Outlines a process for recognized accreditors to oversee Workforce Pell programs at the institutions they accredit and supports the entrance of new expert accreditors to oversee Workforce Pell programs, minimizing the time it will take for full implementation of Workforce Pell.

BOTTOM LINE

The *Bipartisan Workforce Pell Act* prepares Americans for the 21st century economy by aligning education opportunities with workforce needs.

