

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
TO H.R. 6585  
OFFERED BY MS. STEFANIK OF NEW YORK**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Bipartisan Workforce  
3 Pell Act”.

**4 SEC. 2. WORKFORCE PELL GRANTS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 401 of the Higher Edu-  
6 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a), as amended by sec-  
7 tion 703 of the FAFSA Simplification Act (title VII of  
8 division FF of Public Law 116–260), is amended by add-  
9 ing at the end the following:

10 “(k) WORKFORCE PELL GRANT PROGRAM.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—For the award year begin-  
12 ning on July 1, 2025, and each subsequent award  
13 year, the Secretary shall award grants (to be known  
14 as ‘Workforce Pell Grants’) to eligible students  
15 under paragraph (2) in accordance with this sub-  
16 section.

17 “(2) ELIGIBLE STUDENTS.—To be eligible to  
18 receive a Workforce Pell Grant under this subsection

1 for any period of enrollment, a student shall meet  
2 the eligibility requirements for a Federal Pell Grant  
3 under this section, except that the student—

4 “(A) shall be enrolled, or accepted for en-  
5 rollment, in an eligible program under section  
6 481(b)(3) (hereinafter referred to as an ‘eligible  
7 workforce program’); and

8 “(B) may not—

9 “(i) be enrolled, or accepted for enroll-  
10 ment, in a program of study that leads to  
11 a master’s degree, doctoral degree, or other  
12 post-graduate degree; or

13 “(ii) have attained such a degree.

14 “(3) TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AWARDS.—

15 The Secretary shall award Workforce Pell Grants  
16 under this subsection in the same manner and with  
17 the same terms and conditions as the Secretary  
18 awards Federal Pell Grants under this section, ex-  
19 cept that—

20 “(A) each use of the term ‘eligible pro-  
21 gram’ shall be substituted by ‘eligible workforce  
22 program under section 481(b)(3)’, other than  
23 with respect to—

24 “(i) paragraph (9)(A) of such sub-  
25 section; and

1 “(ii) subsection (d)(2); and

2 “(B) a student who is eligible for a grant  
3 equal to less than the amount of the minimum  
4 Federal Pell Grant because the eligible work-  
5 force program in which the student is enrolled  
6 or accepted for enrollment is less than an aca-  
7 demic year (in hours of instruction or weeks of  
8 duration) may still be eligible for a Workforce  
9 Pell Grant in an amount that is prorated based  
10 on the length of the program.

11 “(4) PREVENTION OF DOUBLE BENEFITS.—No  
12 eligible student described in paragraph (2) may con-  
13 currently receive a grant under both this subsection  
14 and—

15 “(A) subsection (b); or

16 “(B) subsection (c).

17 “(5) DURATION LIMIT.—Any period of study  
18 covered by a Workforce Pell Grant awarded under  
19 this subsection shall be included in determining a  
20 student’s duration limit under subsection (d)(5).”.

21 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
22 subsection (a) shall take effect as if included in section  
23 703 of the FAFSA Simplification Act (title VII of division  
24 FF of Public Law 116–260; 134 Stat. 3191) and in ac-  
25 cordance with section 701(b) of such Act.

1 **SEC. 3. PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY FOR WORKFORCE PELL**  
2 **GRANTS.**

3 Section 481(b) of the Higher Education Act of 1965  
4 (20 U.S.C. 1088(b)) is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (3) and (4) as  
6 paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively; and

7 (2) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-  
8 lowing:

9 “(3) (A) A program is an eligible program for  
10 purposes of the Workforce Pell Grant program  
11 under section 401(k) only if—

12 “(i) it is a program of at least 150 clock  
13 hours of instruction, but less than 600 clock  
14 hours of instruction, or an equivalent number of  
15 credit hours, offered during a minimum of 8  
16 weeks, but less than 15 weeks;

17 “(ii) it is not offered as a correspondence  
18 course, as defined in 600.2 of title 34, Code of  
19 Federal Regulations (as in effect on September  
20 20, 2020);

21 “(iii) the State board makes a determina-  
22 tion that the program—

23 “(I) provides an education aligned  
24 with the requirements of high-skill, high-  
25 wage (as identified by the State pursuant  
26 to section 122 of the Carl D. Perkins Ca-

1           reer and Technical Education Act (20  
2           U.S.C. 2342), or in-demand industry sec-  
3           tors or occupations;

4           “(II) meets the hiring requirements of  
5           potential employers in the sectors or occu-  
6           pations described in subclause (I); and

7           “(III) satisfies any applicable edu-  
8           cational prerequisite requirement for pro-  
9           fessional licensure or certification in the  
10          State or States in which the program is of-  
11          fered, as applicable, such that a student  
12          who completes the program is qualified  
13          to—

14                 “(aa) practice or find employ-  
15                 ment in the sectors or occupations de-  
16                 scribed in subclause (I); and

17                 “(bb) as applicable, take any li-  
18                 censure or certification examinations  
19                 required to practice or find employ-  
20                 ment in such sectors or occupations;

21           “(iv) after the State board makes the de-  
22          termination that the program meets the re-  
23          quirements under clause (iii), the accrediting  
24          agency or association recognized by the Sec-

1           retary pursuant to section 496(a) determines  
2           that the program—

3                   “(I) either—

4                           “(aa) leads to a recognized post-  
5                           secondary credential that is stackable  
6                           and portable across more than one  
7                           employer; or

8                           “(bb) with respect to students  
9                           enrolled in the program—

10                                   “(AA) prepares such stu-  
11                                   dents for employment in an occu-  
12                                   pation for which there is only one  
13                                   recognized postsecondary creden-  
14                                   tial; and

15                                   “(BB) provides such stu-  
16                                   dents with such a credential upon  
17                                   completion of such program;

18                           “(II) prepares students to pursue 1 or  
19                           more certificate or degree programs at 1 or  
20                           more institutions of higher education  
21                           (which may include the institution of high-  
22                           er education providing the program), in-  
23                           cluding by ensuring—

24                                   “(aa) that a student, upon com-  
25                                   pletion of the program and enrollment

1 in such a related certificate or degree  
2 program, will receive academic credit  
3 for the program that will be accepted  
4 toward meeting such certificate or de-  
5 gree program requirements; and

6 “(bb) the acceptability of such  
7 credit toward meeting such certificate  
8 or degree program requirements; and

9 “(III) posts prominently on the  
10 website of the institution the recognized  
11 postsecondary credential that will be  
12 awarded to the student upon completion of  
13 the program, including the entity issuing  
14 the credential, any third-party endorse-  
15 ments of the credential, the occupation or  
16 occupations for which the credential pre-  
17 pares individuals for employment, the com-  
18 petencies achieved to earn the credential,  
19 the level of mastery of such competencies  
20 and how mastery is assessed, and specific  
21 information with respect to where, wheth-  
22 er, and under what circumstances the cre-  
23 dential is stackable or portable;

24 “(IV) with respect to the information  
25 collected under section 131(i)—

1                   “(aa) posts such information  
2                   prominently on the website of the in-  
3                   stitution; and

4                   “(bb) provides such information  
5                   in a written disclosure to each pro-  
6                   spective student prior to entering into  
7                   an enrollment agreement with such  
8                   student for such program, and estab-  
9                   lishes procedures for each such stu-  
10                  dent to confirm receipt of such disclo-  
11                  sure;

12                  “(V) has established a plan to ensure  
13                  students who completed the program have  
14                  access to transcripts for completed  
15                  coursework without a fee; and

16                  “(VI) has been offered by an eligible  
17                  institution of higher education for not less  
18                  than 1 year prior to the date on which  
19                  such agency or association is to make a de-  
20                  termination under this paragraph;

21                  “(v) after the accrediting agency makes  
22                  the determination that the program meets the  
23                  requirements under clause (iv), the Secretary  
24                  determines that—



1           “(I) for each award year, the program  
2           has a verified completion rate of at least  
3           70 percent, within 150 percent of the nor-  
4           mal time for completion;

5           “(II) for each award year, the pro-  
6           gram has a verified job placement rate of  
7           at least 70 percent, measured 180 days  
8           after completion;

9           “(III) for each award year, the pro-  
10          gram charges to a Workforce Pell Grant  
11          recipient under section 401(k) a total  
12          amount of tuition and fees for the program  
13          for such year that does not exceed the  
14          value-added earnings of students for the  
15          most recent year for which data is avail-  
16          able; and

17          “(IV) for at least 2 of the 3 most re-  
18          cent consecutive award years for which  
19          data are available, the median earnings of  
20          students who completed the program,  
21          measured three years after students com-  
22          pleted the program, exceeded the annual  
23          median earnings of individuals in the State  
24          in which the program is located—

25                           “(aa) who are in the labor force;

1 “(bb) who are between 25 and 34  
2 years of age, inclusive; and

3 “(cc) for whom the highest de-  
4 gree attained is a high school diploma  
5 (or recognized equivalent); and

6 “(vi) in the case of a program that has  
7 been an eligible workforce program under this  
8 paragraph for 3 or more years, it uses common,  
9 linked, open, and interoperable data formats  
10 when posting on the website of the institution  
11 the data required under subclauses (III) and  
12 (IV) of clause (iv).

13 “(B)(i) The Secretary shall establish an appeals  
14 process wherein a program may request that, in  
15 making a determination under subparagraph (A)(v)  
16 (other than with respect to the median earnings of  
17 the individuals in the State described in subclause  
18 (IV) of such subparagraph), the Secretary use alter-  
19 nate earnings data, provided by the program, that is  
20 based on local, State, or Federal administrative data  
21 sources and that is statistically rigorous, accurate,  
22 comparable to, and representative of such students,  
23 if such program objects to a determination made by  
24 the Secretary under such subparagraph for purposes  
25 of—

1 “(I) eligibility under this paragraph; or

2 “(II) the reporting or publishing of the  
3 rates or earnings described in such a deter-  
4 mination under section 131(i).

5 “(ii) In the case of a program that is seeking  
6 to establish initial eligibility under this paragraph  
7 that does not have data available for the Secretary  
8 to make the determinations required under subpara-  
9 graph (A)(v), the Secretary may, for a period that  
10 does not exceed 1 year, make such determinations  
11 (other than the median earnings of the individuals  
12 in the State described in subclause (IV) of such sub-  
13 paragraph) with respect to the program using, as  
14 provided by the program—

15 “(I) alternate earnings data of students  
16 who complete the program, provided such data  
17 are statistically rigorous, accurate, comparable  
18 to, and representative of such students; and

19 “(II) alternate completion and job place-  
20 ment rates of students who enroll in the pro-  
21 gram, provided such data are statistically rig-  
22 orous, accurate, comparable, and representative  
23 of such students.

24 “(iii) If the Secretary determines that a pro-  
25 gram provided inaccurate earnings data under clause

1 (i)(I) or clause (ii), such program shall return to the  
2 Secretary any funds received under section 401(k)  
3 during the period beginning on the date that is the  
4 first day of the provisional eligibility period and end-  
5 ing on the date on which the Secretary makes such  
6 determination.

7 “(C)(i) In the case of a program that is seeking  
8 to establish initial eligibility under this paragraph,  
9 the Secretary shall grant eligibility for the program  
10 if it meets the requirements of this paragraph not  
11 more than 120 days after the date on which the Sec-  
12 retary receives a submission from such program for  
13 consideration as an eligible workforce program under  
14 this paragraph.

15 “(ii) If a program that is an eligible workforce  
16 program under this paragraph no longer meets one  
17 or more of the requirements under this paragraph,  
18 as determined by the State Board, accrediting agen-  
19 cy, or the Secretary, the Secretary—

20 “(I) may withdraw the eligibility of such  
21 program; and

22 “(II) shall prohibit such program, and any  
23 substantially similar program of the institution,  
24 from being considered an eligible workforce pro-

1           gram under this paragraph for a period of not  
2           less than 3 years.

3           “(D)(i) In the case of a program with a number  
4           of enrolled students that is insufficient to provide  
5           the Secretary with enough relevant data to make the  
6           determinations under subparagraph (A)(v), the Sec-  
7           retary shall—

8                   “(I) aggregate up to 4 years of addi-  
9                   tional data for such program and use such  
10                  aggregated data to make such determina-  
11                  tions; or

12                   “(II) only if such aggregated data  
13                  under subclause (I) is insufficient, aggreg-  
14                  gate up to 4 years of data of students who  
15                  completed or were enrolled in, as applica-  
16                  ble, similar programs at the institution (as  
17                  determined using the first 4 digits of the  
18                  CIP codes of such programs) and use such  
19                  data to make such determinations.

20           “(ii) For purposes of this subparagraph, the  
21           term ‘CIP code’ means the 6-digit taxonomic identi-  
22           fication code assigned by an institution of higher  
23           education to a specific program of study at the insti-  
24           tution, determined by the institution in accordance  
25           with the Classification of Instructional Programs

1 published by the National Center for Education Sta-  
2 tistics.

3 “(E) In this paragraph:

4 “(i) The term ‘eligible institution of higher  
5 education’ means an institution of higher edu-  
6 cation (as defined in section 102) that—

7 “(I) is approved by an accrediting  
8 agency or association that meets the re-  
9 quirements of section 496(a)(4)(C); and

10 “(II) has not been subject, during any  
11 of the preceding 3 years, to—

12 “(aa) any suspension, emergency  
13 action, or termination under this title;

14 “(bb) any adverse action by the  
15 institution’s accrediting agency or as-  
16 sociation that revokes or denies ac-  
17 creditation for the institution; or

18 “(cc) any final action by the  
19 State where the institution holds its  
20 legal domicile, authorization, and ac-  
21 creditation that revokes a license or  
22 other authority to operate.

23 “(ii) The term ‘median earnings’, when  
24 used with respect to an eligible workforce pro-  
25 gram under this paragraph—

1           “(I) means the median annualized  
2 earnings, calculated using earnings for a  
3 pay period, month, quarter, or other time  
4 period deemed appropriate by the Sec-  
5 retary, of all students who received Federal  
6 financial assistance under this title and  
7 who completed the program in an academic  
8 year; and

9           “(II) shall be measured a given num-  
10 ber of years after such students completed  
11 the program, with the number of years de-  
12 termined in accordance with this Act based  
13 on the intended use of the median earnings  
14 data being calculated.

15           “(iii) With respect to students who re-  
16 ceived Federal financial aid under this title and  
17 who completed an eligible workforce program  
18 under this paragraph in a given year, the term  
19 ‘value-added earnings’ means—

20           “(I) the median earnings of such stu-  
21 dents, measured one year after students  
22 completed the program; minus

23           “(II) for the year median earnings are  
24 measured for such students under sub-  
25 clause (I), 150 percent of the poverty line

1 applicable to a single individual as deter-  
2 mined under section 673(2) of the Commu-  
3 nity Services Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C.  
4 9902(2)) for such year and, in the case of  
5 a program offered in-person, adjusted by  
6 the regional price parity index of the Bu-  
7 reau of Economic Analysis for the metro-  
8 politan statistical area in which the eligible  
9 institution of higher education offering  
10 such program is located.

11 “(iv) The terms ‘industry or sector part-  
12 nership’, ‘in-demand industry sector or occupa-  
13 tion’, ‘recognized postsecondary credential’, and  
14 ‘State board’ have the meanings given such  
15 terms in section 3 of the Workforce Innovation  
16 and Opportunity Act.”.

17 **SEC. 4. DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION RELATED**  
18 **TO WORKFORCE PELL.**

19 Section 131 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20  
20 U.S.C. 1015) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
21 lowing:

22 “(i) DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION RE-  
23 LATED TO WORKFORCE PELL.—

24 “(1) PRIMARY DATA SOURCE.—The Secretary  
25 shall use data from the National Student Loan Data



1 System or administrative data maintained by the  
2 Department, matched with Internal Revenue Service  
3 income data to collect data and make calculations in  
4 accordance with this subsection and section  
5 481(b)(3).

6 “(2) PUBLICATION.—The Secretary shall, on an  
7 annual basis, collect, verify, and make publicly avail-  
8 able on the College Scorecard website (or any similar  
9 successor website), the information required under  
10 section 481(b)(3)(A)(v), with respect to each eligible  
11 program under section 481(b)(3) (hereinafter re-  
12 ferred to as an ‘eligible workforce program’), includ-  
13 ing—

14 “(A) the length of the program (as meas-  
15 ured in clock hours, credit hours, or weeks);

16 “(B) the required tuition and fees of the  
17 program;

18 “(C) the difference between the required  
19 tuition and fees described in section  
20 481(b)(3)(A)(v)(III) and median amount of  
21 grant aid (which does not need to be repaid)  
22 provided to students receiving Workforce Pell  
23 Grants, disaggregated by source of such grant  
24 aid;

1           “(D) the median earnings of students as  
2 such term is defined in section 481(b)(3)(E);

3           “(E) the median earnings of students who  
4 did not complete the program and received Fed-  
5 eral financial assistance under this title;

6           “(F) the ratio of the amount described in  
7 subparagraph (C) to the value-added earnings  
8 (as such term is defined in section  
9 481(b)(3)(E)) of students and an explanation,  
10 in clear and plain language, of this ratio;

11           “(G) in the case of a program that pre-  
12 pares students for a professional licensure or  
13 certification examination, the share of such stu-  
14 dents who pass such examinations;

15           “(H) the number of students enrolled in  
16 the program during the most recent academic  
17 year for which data is available;

18           “(I) the percentage of students who enroll  
19 in the program and who complete the program  
20 within—

21           “(i) 100 percent of the normal time  
22 for completion of such program;

23           “(ii) 150 percent of the normal time  
24 for completion of such program; and

1 “(iii) 200 percent of the normal time  
2 for completion of such program;

3 “(J) the percentage of students who are  
4 employed not later than 180 days and 1 year,  
5 respectively, after completing the program;

6 “(K) the percentage of individuals—

7 “(i) who have completed such pro-  
8 gram; and

9 “(ii) 1 year after such completion,  
10 whose median earnings exceed 150 percent  
11 of the poverty line applicable to a single in-  
12 dividual, as determined under section  
13 673(2) of the Community Services Block  
14 Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9902(2));

15 “(L) the percentage of students who enroll  
16 in a certificate or degree program at any insti-  
17 tution of higher education within 1 year of com-  
18 pleting such program; and

19 “(M) the percentage of students who com-  
20 plete a subsequent certificate or degree program  
21 at any institution of higher education within 6  
22 years of completing such program.

23 “(3) DATA DISAGGREGATION.—The information  
24 in subparagraphs (D), (E), and (H) through (M)  
25 shall be disaggregated by—

1                   “(A) sex;

2                   “(B) race and ethnicity;

3                   “(C) income quintile, as defined by the  
4           Secretary; and

5                   “(D) status as a recipient of a Workforce  
6           Pell Grant.

7                   “(4) EXCEPTIONS.—Notwithstanding any other  
8           provision of this subsection, if disclosure of any data  
9           under paragraph (1) is prohibited under State or  
10          Federal privacy laws or regulations, the Secretary  
11          shall take the steps described in paragraph (5), and  
12          any other steps determined by the Secretary to be  
13          necessary to make publicly available such data in ac-  
14          cordance with such laws and regulations.

15                  “(5) SMALL PROGRAMS.—

16                  “(A) AGGREGATION.—For purposes of  
17                  publishing the information described in this  
18                  subsection with respect to an eligible workforce  
19                  program, for any year for which the number of  
20                  students is determined by the Secretary to be of  
21                  insufficient size to maintain the privacy of stu-  
22                  dent data, the Secretary shall, to obtain data  
23                  for a sufficient number of students to maintain  
24                  student privacy—

1           “(i) aggregate up to 4 years of addi-  
2           tional data for such program;

3           “(ii) only if the aggregated data under  
4           clause (i) is insufficient to maintain stu-  
5           dent privacy or cannot be aggregated, ag-  
6           gregate data for students who completed or  
7           were enrolled in, as applicable, similar pro-  
8           grams at the institution (as determined  
9           using the first 4 digits of the CIP codes);  
10          or

11          “(iii) only if the aggregated data  
12          under clause (ii) is insufficient to maintain  
13          student privacy or cannot be aggregated,  
14          aggregate data with respect to all students  
15          who completed or were enrolled in, as ap-  
16          plicable, any program of the institution of  
17          the same credential level, in lieu of data  
18          specific to students in such program.

19          “(B) NOTIFICATION OF AGGREGATION.—  
20          The Secretary shall prominently indicate wheth-  
21          er data published under this subsection has  
22          been aggregated in accordance with subpara-  
23          graph (A).

24          “(C) CIP CODE DEFINED.—For purposes  
25          of this paragraph, the term ‘CIP code’ means

1 the 6-digit taxonomic identification code as-  
2 signed by an institution of higher education to  
3 a specific program of study at the institution,  
4 determined by the institution in accordance  
5 with the Classification of Instructional Pro-  
6 grams published by the National Center for  
7 Education Statistics.”.

8 **SEC. 5. ACCREDITING AGENCY DETERMINATION OF ELIGI-**  
9 **BILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE WORK-**  
10 **FORCE PELL GRANTS PROGRAM.**

11 (a) REFERENCES.—Except as otherwise expressly  
12 provided, whenever in this section an amendment or ref-  
13 erence is expressed in terms of an amendment or reference  
14 to a section or other provision, the amendment or ref-  
15 erence shall be considered to be made to a section or other  
16 provision of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
17 1001 et seq.).

18 (b) RECOGNITION OF ACCREDITING AGENCY OR AS-  
19 SOCIATION.—Section 496(a)(4) (20 U.S.C. 1099b(a)(4))  
20 is amended—

21 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and” at  
22 the end;

23 (2) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by inserting “and”  
24 at the end; and

25 (3) by adding at the end the following:

1           “(C) if such agency or association has or seeks  
2           to include within its scope of recognition the evalua-  
3           tion of the quality of institutions offering an eligible  
4           program under section 481(b)(3), such agency or as-  
5           sociation shall, in addition to meeting the other re-  
6           quirements of this subpart, demonstrate to the Sec-  
7           retary that, with respect to such an eligible pro-  
8           gram—

9                   “(i) the agency or association’s standards  
10                  include a process for determining if the institu-  
11                  tion has the capability to effectively offer such  
12                  program; and

13                   “(ii) the agency or association requires a  
14                  demonstration that the program satisfies the re-  
15                  quirements of section 481(b)(3)(A)(iv).”.

16           (c) PROSPECTIVE ACCREDITORS.—The Secretary—

17                  (1) in the case of an accrediting agency or asso-  
18                  ciation that is not recognized under section 496 (20  
19                  U.S.C. 1099b) and that is seeking initial recognition  
20                  to evaluate only eligible programs under section  
21                  481(b)(3) (20 U.S.C. 1088(b)), may only recognize  
22                  such agency or association for such purpose if such  
23                  agency or association demonstrates, in the applica-  
24                  tion submitted under such section 496 for such rec-  
25                  ognition, compliance with the requirements of such

1 section for at least 1 year prior to the date on which  
2 such application is submitted;

3 (2) shall, not later than 1 year after receiving  
4 such an application, make a recommendation with  
5 respect to whether such agency or association should  
6 be recognized for such purpose; and

7 (3) shall, after making the recommendation de-  
8 scribed in paragraph (2), direct the National Advi-  
9 sory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integ-  
10 rity (as established by section 114 (20 U.S.C.  
11 1011c)) (hereinafter referred to as “NACIQI”) to,  
12 at the first scheduled meeting of such Committee  
13 following such a recommendation—

14 (A) evaluate the recognition of the agency  
15 or association; and

16 (B) advise the Secretary with respect to  
17 whether the agency or association meets the cri-  
18 teria under section 496(a)(4)(C) (20 U.S.C.  
19 1099b(a)(4)) (as added by subsection (b)).

20 (d) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary shall  
21 provide technical assistance to any prospective accrediting  
22 agency or association seeking initial recognition by the  
23 Secretary under section 496 (20 U.S.C. 1099b), including  
24 with respect to recognition to evaluate institutions with  
25 an eligible Workforce Pell Grants program.



1           (e) ADDITIONAL NACIQI REVIEW MEETINGS.—For  
2 the purpose of preparing for the implementation of the  
3 Workforce Pell Grant program under section 401(k) (20  
4 U.S.C. 1070a) (as added by section 2), and in addition  
5 to the meetings required under section 114(d)(1) (20  
6 U.S.C. 1011c(d)(1)), NACIQI shall, for the period begin-  
7 ning on the date of the enactment of this Act and ending  
8 on December 31, 2030, hold meetings to evaluate the rec-  
9 ognition of prospective accrediting agencies or associations  
10 described in subsection (c) and the addition to the scope  
11 of recognition of accrediting agencies and associations  
12 under section 496(a)(4)(C) (20 U.S.C. 1099b(a)(4)).

13           (f) INTERIM ACCREDITATION AUTHORITY.—

14           (1) NOTIFICATION.—Beginning on the date of  
15 the enactment of this Act, a recognized accrediting  
16 agency or association that seeks, for the first time,  
17 to add to its scope of recognition the evaluation of  
18 the quality of institutions offering an eligible pro-  
19 gram under section 481(b)(3) (20 U.S.C. 1088(b))  
20 may include within its scope of recognition the eval-  
21 uation of such institutions if such agency or associa-  
22 tion—

23           (A) submits to the Secretary a notification  
24 of the agency or association’s intent to add the

1 evaluation of such institutions to its scope of  
2 recognition; and

3 (B) includes with such notification an ex-  
4 planation of how the agency or association in-  
5 tends to meet the criteria under section  
6 496(a)(4)(C) (20 U.S.C. 1099b(a)(4)) (as  
7 added by subsection (b)).

8 (2) REVIEW OF SCOPE OF CHANGES.—Upon re-  
9 ceipt of a notification from an accrediting agency or  
10 association described in subparagraph (A), the Sec-  
11 retary shall direct NACIQI to evaluate, at the next  
12 available meeting of such Committee, the addition to  
13 the scope of recognition of the agency or association  
14 and to advise the Secretary with respect to whether  
15 the agency or association meets the criteria under  
16 section 496(a)(4)(C) (20 U.S.C. 1099b(a)(4)) (as  
17 added by subsection (b)).

18 (3) TERMINATION OF INTERIM AUTHORITY.—  
19 The interim authority granted to an agency or asso-  
20 ciation under this paragraph shall terminate on the  
21 earlier of—

22 (A) the date that is 5 years after the date  
23 of the enactment of this Act; or

24 (B) the date on which the Secretary deter-  
25 mines whether such agency or association meets

1 the criteria under section 496(a)(4)(C) (20  
2 U.S.C. 1099b(a)(4)) (as added by subsection  
3 (b)).

4 **SEC. 6. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

5 Nothing in this Act shall be construed to impose or  
6 increase an occupational licensing or certification require-  
7 ment on eligible programs under this title.

8 **SEC. 7. AGREEMENTS WITH APPLICABLE EDUCATIONAL IN-**  
9 **STITUTIONS.**

10 (a) DIRECT LOANS.—Section 454(a) of the Higher  
11 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087d(a)) is amend-  
12 ed—

13 (1) in paragraph (5), by striking “and” after  
14 the semicolon;

15 (2) by redesignating paragraph (6) as para-  
16 graph (7); and

17 (3) by inserting after paragraph (5) the fol-  
18 lowing:

19 “(6) notwithstanding any other provision of this  
20 Act, for the award year beginning on July 1, 2024,  
21 and each subsequent award year, if such institution  
22 is an applicable educational institution that is an or-  
23 ganization subject to taxation under section 4968 of  
24 title 26, United States Code, provide that such insti-  
25 tution may not award—

1           “(A) a Federal Direct Stafford Loan, a  
2           Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan, or  
3           a Federal Direct Plus Loan to any eligible stu-  
4           dent; or

5           “(B) a Federal Direct Plus Loan to a par-  
6           ent of an eligible dependent undergraduate stu-  
7           dent if such student is eligible for a Federal  
8           Pell Grant.”.

9           (b) FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL OP-  
10          PORTUNITY GRANTS.—Section 413C(a) of the Higher  
11          Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070b–2(a)) is amend-  
12          ed—

13                 (1) in paragraph (3), by redesignating subpara-  
14                 graphs (A) through (D) as clauses (i) through (iv),  
15                 respectively;

16                 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through  
17                 (3) as subparagraphs (A) through (C), respectively;

18                 (3) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),  
19                 as so redesignated, by striking “Assistance may”  
20                 and inserting

21                 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Assistance may”; and

22                 (4) by adding at the end the following:

23                 “(2) EXCEPTION.—In addition to the require-  
24                 ments under paragraph (1), for the award year be-  
25                 ginning on July 1, 2024 and each subsequent award

1 year, an institution that is an applicable educational  
2 institution that is an organization subject to tax-  
3 ation under section 4968 of title 26, United States  
4 Code, may only receive assistance under this subpart  
5 if such institution guarantees that, for each such  
6 award year—

7 “(A) the total amount of grants and schol-  
8 arships, including other financial assistance not  
9 received under this title as defined in section  
10 480(i), awarded to a student who receives a  
11 Federal Pell Grant under this title shall not be  
12 less than the student’s cost of attendance (as  
13 defined in section 472); and

14 “(B) the percentage of students enrolled at  
15 such institution who are eligible for a Federal  
16 Pell grant will be equal to or greater than the  
17 percentage of students who were enrolled at  
18 such institution and were eligible for a Federal  
19 Pell grant in the award year during which the  
20 Bipartisan Workforce Pell Act was enacted.”.

21 **SEC. 8. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

22 In addition to funds made available for payment of  
23 Workforce Pell Grants under section 401(k) of the Higher  
24 Education Act of 1965 (as added by section 2 of this Act),  
25 there are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary

1 of Education \$40,000,000 for fiscal year 2025 and  
2 \$30,000,000 for each of the 4 succeeding fiscal years for  
3 the costs of implementing such section 401(k) and the  
4 other amendments to the Higher Education Act of 1965  
5 (20 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.) made by this Act.

