

1        *that a student may borrow, and that a parent*  
 2        *may borrow on behalf of such student, as long as*  
 3        *any such limit is applied consistently to all stu-*  
 4        *dents enrolled in such program of study.*

5        “(8) *INTERIM EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN STU-*  
 6        *DENTS.—*

7                “(A) *APPLICATION OF PRIOR LIMITS.—*  
 8        *Paragraphs (3)(C), (4), (5), and (6) shall not*  
 9        *apply, and paragraph (3)(A)(ii) shall apply as*  
 10       *such paragraph was in effect for periods of in-*  
 11       *struction ending before June 30, 2026, during*  
 12       *the expected time to credential described in sub-*  
 13       *paragraph (B), with respect to an individual*  
 14       *who, as of June 30, 2026—*

15                “(i) *is enrolled in a program of study*  
 16                *at an institution of higher education; and*

17                “(ii) *has received a loan (or on whose*  
 18                *behalf a loan was made) under this part for*  
 19                *such program of study.*

20                “(B) *EXPECTED TIME TO CREDENTIAL.—*  
 21        *For purposes of this paragraph, the expected*  
 22        *time to credential of an individual shall be equal*  
 23        *to the lesser of—*

24                “(i) *three academic years; or*

1 “(ii) the period determined by calcu-  
 2 lating the difference between—

3 “(I) the program length for the  
 4 program of study in which the indi-  
 5 vidual is enrolled; and

6 “(II) the period of such program  
 7 of study that such individual has com-  
 8 pleted as of the date of the determina-  
 9 tion under this subparagraph.

10 “(C) *DEFINITION OF PROGRAM LENGTH.*—  
 11 *In this paragraph, the term ‘program length’*  
 12 *means the minimum amount of time in weeks,*  
 13 *months, or years that is specified in the catalog,*  
 14 *marketing materials, or other official publica-*  
 15 *tions of an institution of higher education for a*  
 16 *full-time student to complete the requirements for*  
 17 *a specific program of study.”.*

## 18 ***Subtitle C—Loan Repayment***

### 19 ***SEC. 82001. LOAN REPAYMENT.***

20 (a) *TRANSITION TO INCOME-BASED REPAYMENT*  
 21 *PLANS.*—

22 (1) *SELECTION.*—*The Secretary of Education*  
 23 *shall take such steps as may be necessary to ensure*  
 24 *that before July 1, 2028, each borrower who has one*  
 25 *or more loans that are in a repayment status in ac-*

1 *cordance with, or an administrative forbearance asso-*  
 2 *ciated with, an income contingent repayment plan*  
 3 *authorized under section 455(e) of the Higher Edu-*  
 4 *cation Act of 1965 (referred to in this subsection as*  
 5 *“covered income contingent loans”) selects one of the*  
 6 *following income-based repayment plans that is other-*  
 7 *wise applicable, and for which that borrower is other-*  
 8 *wise eligible, for the repayment of the covered income*  
 9 *contingent loans of the borrower:*

10 (A) *The Repayment Assistance Plan under*  
 11 *section 455(q) of the Higher Education Act of*  
 12 *1965.*

13 (B) *The income-based repayment plan*  
 14 *under section 493C of the Higher Education Act*  
 15 *of 1965.*

16 (C) *Any other repayment plan as author-*  
 17 *ized under section 455(d)(1) of the Higher Edu-*  
 18 *cation Act of 1965.*

19 (2) *COMMENCEMENT OF NEW REPAYMENT*  
 20 *PLAN.—Beginning on July 1, 2028, a borrower de-*  
 21 *scribed in paragraph (1) shall begin repaying the cov-*  
 22 *ered income contingent loans of the borrower in ac-*  
 23 *cordance with the repayment plan selected under*  
 24 *paragraph (1), unless the borrower chooses to begin*

1        *repaying in accordance with the repayment plan se-*  
 2        *lected under paragraph (1) before such date.*

3            (3) *FAILURE TO SELECT.*—*In the case of a bor-*  
 4        *rower described in paragraph (1) who fails to select*  
 5        *a repayment plan in accordance with such para-*  
 6        *graph, the Secretary of Education shall—*

7            (A) *enroll the covered income contingent*  
 8        *loans of such borrower in—*

9            (i) *the Repayment Assistance Plan*  
 10        *under section 455(q) of the Higher Edu-*  
 11        *cation Act of 1965 with respect to loans*  
 12        *that are eligible for the Repayment Assist-*  
 13        *ance Plan under such subsection; or*

14            (ii) *the income-based repayment plan*  
 15        *under section 493C of such Act, with respect*  
 16        *to loans that are not eligible for the Repay-*  
 17        *ment Assistance Plan; and*

18            (B) *require the borrower to begin repaying*  
 19        *covered income contingent loans according to the*  
 20        *plans under subparagraph (A) on July 1, 2028.*

21        (b) *REPAYMENT PLANS.*—*Section 455(d) of the Higher*  
 22        *Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087e(d)) is amended—*

23            (1) *in paragraph (1)—*

24            (A) *in the matter preceding subparagraph*

25            (A), *by inserting “before July 1, 2026, who has*

1       *not received a loan made under this part on or*  
 2       *after July 1, 2026,” after “made under this*  
 3       *part”;*

4               *(B) in subparagraph (D)—*

5                   *(i) by inserting “before June 30,*  
 6                   *2028,” before “an income contingent repay-*  
 7                   *ment plan”; and*

8                   *(ii) by striking “and” after the semi-*  
 9                   *colon;*

10              *(C) in subparagraph (E)—*

11                   *(i) by striking “that enables borrowers*  
 12                   *who have a partial financial hardship to*  
 13                   *make a lower monthly payment”;*

14                   *(ii) by striking “a Federal Direct Con-*  
 15                   *solidation Loan, if the proceeds of such loan*  
 16                   *were used to discharge the liability on such*  
 17                   *Federal Direct PLUS Loan or a loan under*  
 18                   *section 428B made on behalf of a dependent*  
 19                   *student” and inserting “an excepted Con-*  
 20                   *solidation Loan (as defined in section*  
 21                   *493C(a)(2))”; and*

22                   *(iii) by striking the period at the end*  
 23                   *and inserting “; and”; and*

24              *(D) by adding at the end the following:*

1           “(F) beginning on July 1, 2026, the in-  
 2           come-based Repayment Assistance Plan under  
 3           subsection (q), provided that—

4                   “(i) such Plan shall not be available  
 5                   for the repayment of excepted loans (as de-  
 6                   fined in paragraph (7)(E)); and

7                   “(ii) the borrower is required to pay  
 8                   each outstanding loan of the borrower made  
 9                   under this part under such Repayment As-  
 10                  sistance Plan, except that a borrower of an  
 11                  excepted loan (as defined in paragraph  
 12                  (7)(E)) may repay the excepted loan sepa-  
 13                  rately from other loans under this part ob-  
 14                  tained by the borrower.”;

15           (2) in paragraph (5), by amending subpara-  
 16           graph (B) to read as follows:

17                   “(B) repay the loan pursuant to an income-  
 18                   based repayment plan under subsection (q) or  
 19                   section 493C, as applicable.”; and

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

21                   “(6) TERMINATION AND LIMITATION OF REPAY-  
 22                   MENT AUTHORITY.—

23                   “(A) SUNSET OF REPAYMENT PLANS AVAIL-  
 24                   ABLE BEFORE JULY 1, 2026.—Paragraphs (1)

1           *through (4) of this subsection shall only apply to*  
 2           *loans made under this part before July 1, 2026.*

3           “(B) *PROHIBITIONS.—The Secretary may*  
 4           *not, for any loan made under this part on or*  
 5           *after July 1, 2026—*

6                     “(i) *authorize a borrower of such a*  
 7                     *loan to repay such loan pursuant to a re-*  
 8                     *payment plan that is not described in para-*  
 9                     *graph (7)(A); or*

10                    “(ii) *carry out or modify a repayment*  
 11                    *plan that is not described in such para-*  
 12                    *graph.*

13           “(7) *REPAYMENT PLANS FOR LOANS MADE ON OR*  
 14           *AFTER JULY 1, 2026.—*

15                    “(A) *DESIGN AND SELECTION.—Beginning*  
 16                    *on July 1, 2026, the Secretary shall offer a bor-*  
 17                    *rower of a loan made under this part on or after*  
 18                    *such date (including such a borrower who also*  
 19                    *has a loan made under this part before such*  
 20                    *date) two plans for repayment of the borrower’s*  
 21                    *loans under this part, including principal and*  
 22                    *interest on such loans. The borrower shall be en-*  
 23                    *titled to accelerate, without penalty, repayment*  
 24                    *on such loans. The borrower may choose—*

25                             “(i) *a standard repayment plan—*

1           “(I) with a fixed monthly repay-  
2           ment amount paid over a fixed period  
3           of time equal to the applicable period  
4           determined under subclause (II); and

5           “(II) with the applicable period of  
6           time for repayment determined based  
7           on the total outstanding principal of  
8           all loans of the borrower made under  
9           this part before, on, or after July 1,  
10          2026, at the time the borrower is enter-  
11          ing repayment under such plan, as fol-  
12          lows—

13               “(aa) for a borrower with  
14               total outstanding principal of less  
15               than \$25,000, a period of 10  
16               years;

17               “(bb) for a borrower with  
18               total outstanding principal of not  
19               less than \$25,000 and less than  
20               \$50,000, a period of 15 years;

21               “(cc) for a borrower with  
22               total outstanding principal of not  
23               less than \$50,000 and less than  
24               \$100,000, a period of 20 years;  
25               and



1                   “(dd) for a borrower with  
 2                   total outstanding principal of  
 3                   \$100,000 or more, a period of 25  
 4                   years; or

5                   “(ii) the income-based Repayment As-  
 6                   sistance Plan under subsection (q).

7                   “(B) *SELECTION BY SECRETARY.*—If a bor-  
 8                   rower of a loan made under this part on or after  
 9                   July 1, 2026, does not select a repayment plan  
 10                  described in subparagraph (A), the Secretary  
 11                  shall provide the borrower with the standard re-  
 12                  payment plan described in subparagraph (A)(i).

13                  “(C) *SELECTION APPLIES TO ALL OUT-*  
 14                  *STANDING LOANS.*—A borrower is required to  
 15                  pay each outstanding loan of the borrower made  
 16                  under this part under the same selected repay-  
 17                  ment plan, except that a borrower who selects the  
 18                  Repayment Assistance Plan and also has an ex-  
 19                  cepted loan that is not eligible for repayment  
 20                  under such Repayment Assistance Plan shall  
 21                  repay the excepted loan separately from other  
 22                  loans under this part obtained by the borrower.

23                  “(D) *CHANGES OF REPAYMENT PLAN.*—A  
 24                  borrower may change the borrower’s selection  
 25                  of—

1           “(i) the standard repayment plan  
 2           under subparagraph (A)(i), or the Sec-  
 3           retary’s selection of such plan for the bor-  
 4           rower under subparagraph (B), as the case  
 5           may be, to the Repayment Assistance Plan  
 6           under subparagraph (A)(ii) at any time;  
 7           and

8           “(ii) the Repayment Assistance Plan  
 9           under subparagraph (A)(ii) to the standard  
 10          repayment plan under subparagraph (A)(i)  
 11          at any time.

12          “(E) REPAYMENT FOR BORROWERS WITH  
 13          EXCEPTED LOANS MADE ON OR AFTER JULY 1,  
 14          2026.—

15          “(i) STANDARD REPAYMENT PLAN RE-  
 16          QUIRED.—Notwithstanding subparagraphs  
 17          (A) through (D), beginning on July 1, 2026,  
 18          the Secretary shall require a borrower who  
 19          has received an excepted loan made on or  
 20          after such date (including such a borrower  
 21          who also has an excepted loan made before  
 22          such date) to repay each excepted loan, in-  
 23          cluding principal and interest on those ex-  
 24          cepted loans, under the standard repayment  
 25          plan under subparagraph (A)(i). The bor-

1            *rower shall be entitled to accelerate, without*  
 2            *penalty, repayment on such loans.*

3            “(ii) *EXCEPTED LOAN DEFINED.—For*  
 4            *the purposes of this paragraph, the term ‘ex-*  
 5            *cepted loan’ means a loan with an out-*  
 6            *standing balance that is—*

7                            “(I) *a Federal Direct PLUS Loan*  
 8                            *that is made on behalf of a dependent*  
 9                            *student; or*

10                          “(II) *a Federal Direct Consolida-*  
 11                          *tion Loan, if the proceeds of such loan*  
 12                          *were used to discharge the liability*  
 13                          *on—*

14                            “(aa) *an excepted PLUS*  
 15                            *loan, as defined in section*  
 16                            *493C(a)(1); or*

17                            “(bb) *an excepted consolida-*  
 18                            *tion loan (as such term is defined*  
 19                            *in section 493C(a)(2)(A), notwith-*  
 20                            *standing subparagraph (B) of*  
 21                            *such section).”.*

22            (c) *ELIMINATION OF AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE INCOME*  
 23            *CONTINGENT REPAYMENT PLANS.—*

1           (1) *REPEAL.*—Subsection (e) of section 455 of  
 2     *the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.*  
 3     *1087e(e)) is repealed.*

4           (2) *FURTHER AMENDMENTS TO ELIMINATE IN-*  
 5     *COME CONTINGENT REPAYMENT.*—

6           (A) *Section 428 of the Higher Education*  
 7     *Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1078) is amended—*

8           (i) *in subsection (b)(1)(D), by striking*  
 9           *“be subject to income contingent repayment*  
 10          *in accordance with subsection (m)” and in-*  
 11          *serting “be subject to income-based repay-*  
 12          *ment in accordance with subsection (m)”;*  
 13          *and*

14          (ii) *in subsection (m)—*

15           (I) *in the subsection heading, by*  
 16          *striking “INCOME CONTINGENT AND”;*

17           (II) *by amending paragraph (1)*  
 18          *to read as follows:*

19          “(1) *AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY TO REQUIRE.*—  
 20          *The Secretary may require borrowers who have de-*  
 21          *faulted on loans made under this part that are as-*  
 22          *signed to the Secretary under subsection (c)(8) to*  
 23          *repay those loans pursuant to an income-based repay-*  
 24          *ment plan under section 493C.”; and*

1                   (III) in the heading of paragraph  
 2                   (2), by striking “INCOME CONTINGENT  
 3                   OR”.

4                   (B) Section 428C of the Higher Education  
 5                   Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1078–3) is amended—

6                   (i) in subsection (a)(3)(B)(i)(V)(aa),  
 7                   by striking “for the purposes of obtaining  
 8                   income contingent repayment or income-  
 9                   based repayment” and inserting “for the  
 10                  purposes of qualifying for an income-based  
 11                  repayment plan under section 455(q) or sec-  
 12                  tion 493C, as applicable”;

13                  (ii) in subsection (b)(5), by striking  
 14                  “be repaid either pursuant to income con-  
 15                  tingent repayment under part D of this  
 16                  title, pursuant to income-based repayment  
 17                  under section 493C, or pursuant to any  
 18                  other repayment provision under this sec-  
 19                  tion” and inserting “be repaid pursuant to  
 20                  an income-based repayment plan under sec-  
 21                  tion 493C or any other repayment provi-  
 22                  sion under this section”; and

23                  (iii) in subsection (c)—

24                   (I) in paragraph (2)(A), by strik-  
 25                   ing “or by the terms of repayment pur-

1            *suant to income contingent repayment*  
 2            *offered by the Secretary under sub-*  
 3            *section (b)(5)” and inserting “or by*  
 4            *the terms of repayment pursuant to an*  
 5            *income-based repayment plan under*  
 6            *section 493C”;* and

7            (II) *in paragraph (3)(B), by*  
 8            *striking “except as required by the*  
 9            *terms of repayment pursuant to in-*  
 10           *come contingent repayment offered by*  
 11           *the Secretary under subsection (b)(5)”*  
 12           *and inserting “except as required by*  
 13           *the terms of repayment pursuant to an*  
 14           *income-based repayment plan under*  
 15           *section 493C”.*

16           (C) *Section 485(d)(1) of the Higher Edu-*  
 17           *cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1092(d)(1)) is*  
 18           *amended by striking “income-contingent and”.*

19           (D) *Section 494(a)(2) of the Higher Edu-*  
 20           *cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1098h(a)(2)) is*  
 21           *amended—*

22           (i) *in the paragraph heading, by strik-*  
 23           *ing “INCOME-CONTINGENT AND INCOME-*  
 24           *BASED” and inserting “INCOME-BASED”;*  
 25           *and*

1                   (ii) in subparagraph (A)—

2                   (I) in the matter preceding clause

3                   (i), by striking “income-contingent or”;

4                   and

5                   (II) in clause (ii)(I), by striking

6                   “section 455(e)(8) or the equivalent

7                   procedures established under section

8                   493C(c)(2)(B), as applicable” and in-

9                   serting “section 493C(c)(2)”.

10               (3) *EFFECTIVE DATE.*—The amendments made

11               by this subsection shall take effect on July 1, 2028.

12               (d) *REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE PLAN.*—Section 455 of

13               the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087e) is

14               amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

15               “(q) *REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE PLAN.*—

16               “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—Notwithstanding any other

17               provision of this Act, beginning on July 1, 2026, the

18               Secretary shall carry out an income-based repayment

19               plan (to be known as the ‘Repayment Assistance

20               Plan’), that shall have the following terms and condi-

21               tions:

22               “(A) The total monthly repayment amount

23               owed by a borrower for all of the loans of the

24               borrower that are repaid pursuant to the Repay-

25               ment Assistance Plan shall be equal to the appli-

1        *cable monthly payment of a borrower calculated*  
2        *under paragraph (4)(B), except that the bor-*  
3        *rower may not be precluded from repaying an*  
4        *amount that exceeds such amount for any month.*

5            *“(B) The Secretary shall apply the bor-*  
6        *rower’s applicable monthly payment under this*  
7        *paragraph first toward interest due on each such*  
8        *loan, next toward any fees due on each loan, and*  
9        *then toward the principal of each loan.*

10           *“(C) Any principal due and not paid under*  
11        *subparagraph (B) or paragraph (2)(B) shall be*  
12        *deferred.*

13           *“(D) A borrower who is not in a period of*  
14        *deferral or forbearance shall make an applica-*  
15        *ble monthly payment for each month until the*  
16        *earlier of—*

17           *“(i) the date on which the outstanding*  
18        *balance of principal and interest due on all*  
19        *of the loans of the borrower that are repaid*  
20        *pursuant to the Repayment Assistance Plan*  
21        *is \$0; or*

22           *“(ii) the date on which the borrower*  
23        *has made 360 qualifying monthly pay-*  
24        *ments.*



1           “(E) *The Secretary shall cancel any out-*  
2           *standing balance of principal and interest due*  
3           *on a loan made under this part to a borrower—*

4                   “(i) *who, for any period of time, par-*  
5                   *ticipated in the Repayment Assistance Plan*  
6                   *under this subsection;*

7                   “(ii) *whose most recent payment for*  
8                   *such loan prior to the loan cancellation*  
9                   *under this subparagraph was made under*  
10                  *such Repayment Assistance Plan; and*

11                  “(iii) *who has made 360 qualifying*  
12                  *monthly payments on such loan.*

13           “(F) *For the purposes of this subsection, the*  
14           *term ‘qualifying monthly payment’ means any*  
15           *of the following:*

16                   “(i) *An on-time applicable monthly*  
17                   *payment under this subsection.*

18                   “(ii) *An on-time monthly payment*  
19                   *under the standard repayment plan under*  
20                   *subsection (d)(7)(A)(i) of not less than the*  
21                   *monthly payment required under such plan.*

22                   “(iii) *A monthly payment under any*  
23                   *repayment plan (excluding the Repayment*  
24                   *Assistance Plan under this subsection) of*  
25                   *not less than the monthly payment that*

1           *would be required under a standard repay-*  
2           *ment plan under section 455(d)(1)(A) with*  
3           *a repayment period of 10 years.*

4           “(iv) *A monthly payment under sec-*  
5           *tion 493C of not less than the monthly pay-*  
6           *ment required under such section, including*  
7           *a monthly payment equal to the minimum*  
8           *payment amount permitted under such sec-*  
9           *tion.*

10          “(v) *A monthly payment made before*  
11          *July 1, 2028, under an income contingent*  
12          *repayment plan carried out under section*  
13          *455(d)(1)(D) (or under an alternative re-*  
14          *payment plan in lieu of repayment under*  
15          *such an income contingent repayment plan,*  
16          *if placed in such an alternative repayment*  
17          *plan by the Secretary) of not less than the*  
18          *monthly payment required under such a*  
19          *plan, including a monthly payment equal*  
20          *to the minimum payment amount per-*  
21          *mitted under such a plan.*

22          “(vi) *A month when the borrower did*  
23          *not make a payment because the borrower*  
24          *was in deferment under subsection (f)(2)(B)*

1           or due to an economic hardship described in  
2           subsection (f)(2)(D).

3           “(vii) A month that ended before the  
4           date of enactment of this subsection when  
5           the borrower did not make a payment be-  
6           cause the borrower was in a period of  
7           deferment or forbearance described in sec-  
8           tion 685.209(k)(4)(iv) of title 34, Code of  
9           Federal Regulations (as in effect on the date  
10          of enactment of this subsection).

11          “(G) The procedures established by the Sec-  
12          retary under section 493C(c) shall apply for an-  
13          nually determining the borrower’s eligibility for  
14          the Repayment Assistance Plan, including  
15          verification of a borrower’s annual income and  
16          the annual amount due on the total amount of  
17          loans eligible to be repaid under this subsection,  
18          and such other procedures as are necessary to ef-  
19          fectively implement income-based repayment  
20          under this subsection. With respect to carrying  
21          out section 494(a)(2) for the Repayment Assist-  
22          ance Plan, an individual may elect to opt out of  
23          the disclosures required under section  
24          494(a)(2)(A)(ii) in accordance with the proce-  
25          dures established under section 493C(c)(2).

1           “(2) *BALANCE ASSISTANCE FOR DISTRESSED*  
2       *BORROWERS.*—

3           “(A) *INTEREST SUBSIDY.*—*With respect to*  
4       *a borrower of a loan made under this part, for*  
5       *each month for which such a borrower makes an*  
6       *on-time applicable monthly payment required*  
7       *under paragraph (1)(A) and such monthly pay-*  
8       *ment is insufficient to pay the total amount of*  
9       *interest that accrues for the month on all loans*  
10      *of the borrower repaid pursuant to the Repay-*  
11      *ment Assistance Plan under this subsection, the*  
12      *amount of interest accrued and not paid for the*  
13      *month shall not be charged to the borrower.*

14          “(B) *MATCHING PRINCIPAL PAYMENT.*—  
15      *With respect to a borrower of a loan made under*  
16      *this part and not in a period of deferment or*  
17      *forbearance, for each month for which a borrower*  
18      *makes an on-time applicable monthly payment*  
19      *required under paragraph (1)(A) and such*  
20      *monthly payment reduces the total outstanding*  
21      *principal balance of all loans of the borrower re-*  
22      *paid pursuant to the Repayment Assistance Plan*  
23      *under this subsection by less than \$50, the Sec-*  
24      *retary shall reduce such total outstanding prin-*

1            *cipal balance of the borrower by an amount that*  
 2            *is equal to—*

3                    *“(i) the amount that is the lesser of—*

4                            *“(I) \$50; or*

5                            *“(II) the total amount paid by the*

6                            *borrower for such month pursuant to*

7                            *paragraph (1)(A); minus*

8                            *“(ii) the total amount paid by the bor-*

9                            *rower for such month pursuant to para-*

10                          *graph (1)(A) that is applied to such total*

11                          *outstanding principal balance.*

12                    *“(3) ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS.—A borrower who*

13                    *chooses, or is required, to repay a loan under this*

14                    *subsection, and for whom adjusted gross income is un-*

15                    *available or does not reasonably reflect the borrower’s*

16                    *current income, shall provide to the Secretary other*

17                    *documentation of income satisfactory to the Secretary,*

18                    *which documentation the Secretary may use to deter-*

19                    *mine repayment under this subsection.*

20                    *“(4) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:*

21                            *“(A) ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME.—The term*

22                            *‘adjusted gross income’, when used with respect*

23                            *to a borrower, means the adjusted gross income*

24                            *(as such term is defined in section 62 of the In-*

25                            *ternal Revenue Code of 1986) of the borrower*

(and the borrower's spouse, as applicable) for the most recent taxable year, except that, in the case of a married borrower who files a separate Federal income tax return, the term does not include the adjusted gross income of the borrower's spouse.

“(B) *APPLICABLE MONTHLY PAYMENT.*—

“(i) *IN GENERAL.*—Except as provided in clause (ii), (iii), or (vi), the term ‘applicable monthly payment’ means, when used with respect to a borrower, the amount equal to—

“(I) the applicable base payment of the borrower, divided by 12; minus

“(II) \$50 for each dependent of the borrower (which, in the case of a married borrower filing a separate Federal income tax return, shall include only each dependent that the borrower claims on that return).

“(ii) *MINIMUM AMOUNT.*—In the case of a borrower with an applicable monthly payment amount calculated under clause (i) that is less than \$10, the applicable monthly payment of the borrower shall be \$10.

1           “(iii) *FINAL PAYMENT.*—*In the case of*  
2           *a borrower whose total outstanding balance*  
3           *of principal and interest on all of the loans*  
4           *of the borrower that are repaid pursuant to*  
5           *the Repayment Assistance Plan is less than*  
6           *the applicable monthly payment calculated*  
7           *pursuant to clause (i) or (ii), as applicable,*  
8           *then the applicable monthly payment of the*  
9           *borrower shall be the total outstanding bal-*  
10          *ance of principal and interest on all such*  
11          *loans.*

12          “(iv) *BASE PAYMENT.*—*The amount of*  
13          *the applicable base payment for a borrower*  
14          *with an adjusted gross income of—*

15               “(I) *not more than \$10,000, is*  
16               *\$120;*

17               “(II) *more than \$10,000 and not*  
18               *more than \$20,000, is 1 percent of such*  
19               *adjusted gross income;*

20               “(III) *more than \$20,000 and not*  
21               *more than \$30,000, is 2 percent of such*  
22               *adjusted gross income;*

23               “(IV) *more than \$30,000 and not*  
24               *more than \$40,000, is 3 percent of such*  
25               *adjusted gross income;*

1           “(V) more than \$40,000 and not  
2 more than \$50,000, is 4 percent of such  
3 adjusted gross income;

4           “(VI) more than \$50,000 and not  
5 more than \$60,000, is 5 percent of such  
6 adjusted gross income;

7           “(VII) more than \$60,000 and not  
8 more than \$70,000, is 6 percent of such  
9 adjusted gross income;

10          “(VIII) more than \$70,000 and  
11 not more than \$80,000, is 7 percent of  
12 such adjusted gross income;

13          “(IX) more than \$80,000 and not  
14 more than \$90,000, is 8 percent of such  
15 adjusted gross income;

16          “(X) more than \$90,000 and not  
17 more than \$100,000, is 9 percent of  
18 such adjusted gross income; and

19          “(XI) more than \$100,000, is 10  
20 percent of such adjusted gross income.

21          “(v) *DEPENDENT*.—For the purposes of  
22 this paragraph, the term ‘dependent’ means  
23 an individual who is a dependent under  
24 section 152 of the Internal Revenue Code of  
25 1986.



1           “(vi) *SPECIAL RULE.*—*In the case of a*  
 2           *borrower who is required by the Secretary*  
 3           *to provide information to the Secretary to*  
 4           *determine the applicable monthly payment*  
 5           *of the borrower under this subparagraph,*  
 6           *and who does not comply with such require-*  
 7           *ment, the applicable monthly payment of*  
 8           *the borrower shall be—*

9                       “(I) *the sum of the monthly pay-*  
 10           *ment amounts the borrower would have*  
 11           *paid for each of the borrower’s loans*  
 12           *made under this part under a stand-*  
 13           *ard repayment plan with a fixed*  
 14           *monthly repayment amount, paid over*  
 15           *a period of 10 years, based on the out-*  
 16           *standing principal due on such loan*  
 17           *when such loan entered repayment;*  
 18           *and*

19                      “(II) *determined pursuant to this*  
 20           *clause until the date on which the bor-*  
 21           *rower provides such information to the*  
 22           *Secretary.”.*

23           (e) *FEDERAL CONSOLIDATION LOANS.*—*Section 455(g)*  
 24           *of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087e(g))*

1 *is amended by adding at the end the following new para-*  
 2 *graph:*

3           “(3) *CONSOLIDATION LOANS MADE ON OR AFTER*  
 4           *JULY 1, 2026.—A Federal Direct Consolidation Loan*  
 5           *offered to a borrower under this part on or after July*  
 6           *1, 2026, may only be repaid pursuant to a repayment*  
 7           *plan described in clause (i) or (ii) of subsection*  
 8           *(d)(7)(A) of this section, as applicable, and the repay-*  
 9           *ment schedule of such a Consolidation Loan shall be*  
 10           *determined in accordance with such repayment*  
 11           *plan.”.*

12           (f) *INCOME-BASED REPAYMENT.—*

13                 (1) *AMENDMENTS.—*

14                         (A) *EXCEPTED CONSOLIDATION LOAN DE-*  
 15                         *FINED.—Section 493C(a)(2) of the Higher Edu-*  
 16                         *cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1098e(a)(2)) is*  
 17                         *amended to read as follows:*

18                         “(2) *EXCEPTED CONSOLIDATION LOAN.—*

19                                 “(A) *IN GENERAL.—The term ‘excepted con-*  
 20                                 *solidation loan’ means—*

21   “(i) *a consolidation loan under section*  
 22   *428C, or a Federal Direct Consolidation*  
 23   *Loan, if the proceeds of such loan were used*  
 24   *to discharge the liability on an excepted*  
 25   *PLUS loan; or*

1           “(ii) a consolidation loan under sec-  
 2           tion 428C, or a Federal Direct Consolida-  
 3           tion Loan, if the proceeds of such loan were  
 4           used to discharge the liability on a consoli-  
 5           dation loan under section 428C, or a Fed-  
 6           eral Direct Consolidation Loan described in  
 7           clause (i).

8           “(B) *EXCLUSION.*—The term ‘excepted con-  
 9           solidation loan’ does not include a Federal Di-  
 10          rect Consolidation Loan described in subpara-  
 11          graph (A) that, on any date during the period  
 12          beginning on the date of enactment of this sub-  
 13          paragraph and ending on June 30, 2028, was  
 14          being repaid—

15           “(i) pursuant to the Income Contin-  
 16           gent Repayment (ICR) plan in accordance  
 17           with section 685.209(b) of title 34, Code of  
 18           Federal Regulations (as in effect on June  
 19           30, 2023); or

20           “(ii) pursuant to another income driv-  
 21           en repayment plan.”.

22           (B) *TERMINATION OF PARTIAL FINANCIAL*  
 23           *HARDSHIP ELIGIBILITY.*—Section 493C(a)(3) of  
 24           the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
 25           1098e(a)(3)) is amended to read as follows:

1           “(3) *APPLICABLE AMOUNT.*—The term ‘applica-  
 2           *ble amount*’ means 15 percent of the result obtained  
 3           by calculating, on at least an annual basis, the  
 4           amount by which—

5                     “(A) the borrower’s, and the borrower’s  
 6                     spouse’s (if applicable), adjusted gross income;  
 7                     exceeds

8                     “(B) 150 percent of the poverty line appli-  
 9                     cable to the borrower’s family size as determined  
 10                    under section 673(2) of the Community Services  
 11                    Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9902(2)).”.

12                    (C) *TERMS OF INCOME-BASED REPAY-*  
 13                    *MENT.*—Section 493C(b) of the Higher Edu-  
 14                    cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1098e(b)) is  
 15                    amended—

16                             (i) by amending paragraph (1) to read  
 17                             as follows:

18                             “(1) a borrower of any loan made, insured, or  
 19                             guaranteed under part B or D (other than an ex-  
 20                             cepted *PLUS* loan or excepted consolidation loan),  
 21                             may elect to have the borrower’s aggregate monthly  
 22                             payment for all such loans not exceed the applicable  
 23                             amount divided by 12;”;

24                             (ii) by striking paragraph (6) and in-  
 25                             serting the following:

1           “(6) if the monthly payment amount calculated  
 2           under this section for all loans made to the borrower  
 3           under part B or D (other than an excepted PLUS  
 4           loan or excepted consolidation loan) exceeds the  
 5           monthly amount calculated under section  
 6           428(b)(9)(A)(i) or 455(d)(1)(A), based on a 10-year  
 7           repayment period, when the borrower first made the  
 8           election described in this subsection (referred to in  
 9           this paragraph as the ‘standard monthly repayment  
 10          amount’), or if the borrower no longer wishes to con-  
 11          tinue the election under this subsection, then—

12                 “(A) the maximum monthly payment re-  
 13                 quired to be paid for all loans made to the bor-  
 14                 rower under part B or D (other than an excepted  
 15                 PLUS loan or excepted consolidation loan) shall  
 16                 be the standard monthly repayment amount; and

17                 “(B) the amount of time the borrower is  
 18                 permitted to repay such loans may exceed 10  
 19                 years;”;

20                         (iii) in paragraph (7)(B)(iv), by in-  
 21                         serting “(as such section was in effect on the  
 22                         day before the date of the repeal of section  
 23                         455(e)” after “section 455(d)(1)(D)”; and

24                         (iv) in paragraph (8), by inserting “or  
 25                         the Repayment Assistance Program under

1                    *section 455(q)” after “standard repayment*  
 2                    *plan”.*

3                    *(D) ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATIONS.—Sec-*  
 4                    *tion 493C(c) of the Higher Education Act of*  
 5                    *1965 (20 U.S.C. 1098e(c)) is amended to read as*  
 6                    *follows:*

7                    *“(c) ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATIONS; AUTOMATIC RE-*  
 8                    *CERTIFICATION.—*

9                    *“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish*  
 10                    *procedures for annually determining, in accordance*  
 11                    *with paragraph (2), the borrower’s eligibility for in-*  
 12                    *come-based repayment, including the verification of a*  
 13                    *borrower’s annual income and the annual amount*  
 14                    *due on the total amount of loans made, insured, or*  
 15                    *guaranteed under part B or D (other than an ex-*  
 16                    *cepted PLUS loan or excepted consolidation loan),*  
 17                    *and such other procedures as are necessary to effec-*  
 18                    *tively implement income-based repayment under this*  
 19                    *section. The Secretary shall consider, but is not lim-*  
 20                    *ited to, the procedures established in accordance with*  
 21                    *section 455(e)(1) (as in effect on the day before the*  
 22                    *date of repeal of subsection (e) of section 455) or in*  
 23                    *connection with income sensitive repayment schedules*  
 24                    *under section 428(b)(9)(A)(iii) or 428C(b)(1)(E).*

25                    *“(2) AUTOMATIC RECERTIFICATION.—*

1           “(A) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary shall es-*  
2           *tablish and implement, with respect to any bor-*  
3           *rower enrolled in an income-based repayment*  
4           *program under this section or under section*  
5           *455(q), procedures to—*

6                   “(i) *use return information disclosed*  
7                   *under section 6103(l)(13) of the Internal*  
8                   *Revenue Code of 1986, pursuant to ap-*  
9                   *proval provided under section 494, to deter-*  
10                  *mine the repayment obligation of the bor-*  
11                  *rower without further action by the bor-*  
12                  *rower;*

13                  “(ii) *allow the borrower (or the spouse*  
14                  *of the borrower), at any time, to opt out of*  
15                  *disclosure under such section 6103(l)(13)*  
16                  *and instead provide such information as the*  
17                  *Secretary may require to determine the re-*  
18                  *payment obligation of the borrower (or*  
19                  *withdraw from the repayment plan under*  
20                  *this section or under section 455(q), as the*  
21                  *case may be); and*

22                  “(iii) *provide the borrower with an op-*  
23                  *portunity to update the return information*  
24                  *so disclosed before the determination of the*  
25                  *repayment obligation of the borrower.*

1           “(B) *APPLICABILITY.*—Subparagraph (A)  
 2           *shall apply to each borrower of a loan eligible to*  
 3           *be repaid under this section or under section*  
 4           *455(q), who, on or after the date on which the*  
 5           *Secretary establishes procedures under such sub-*  
 6           *paragraph (A)—*

7                   “(i) *selects, or is required to repay*  
 8                   *such loan pursuant to, an income-based re-*  
 9                   *payment plan under this section or under*  
 10                  *section 455(q); or*

11                  “(ii) *recertifies income or family size*  
 12                  *under such plan.*”.

13           (E) *SPECIAL TERMS FOR NEW BORROWERS*  
 14           *ON AND AFTER JULY 1, 2014.*—Section 493C(e) of  
 15           *the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.*  
 16           *1098e(e)) is amended—*

17                   (i) *in the subsection heading, by insert-*  
 18                   *ing “AND BEFORE JULY 1, 2026” after*  
 19                   *“AFTER JULY 1, 2014”; and*

20                   (ii) *by inserting “and before July 1,*  
 21                   *2026” after “after July 1, 2014”.*

22           (2) *EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICATION.*—*The*  
 23           *amendments made by this subsection shall take effect*  
 24           *on the date of enactment of this title, and shall apply*



1       *with respect to any borrower who is in repayment be-*  
 2       *fore, on, or after the date of enactment of this title.*

3       (g) *FFEL ADJUSTMENT*.—Section 428(b)(9)(A)(v) of  
 4       the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
 5       1078(b)(9)(A)(v)) is amended by striking “who has a par-  
 6       tial financial hardship”.

7       **SEC. 82002. DEFERMENT; FORBEARANCE.**

8       (a) *SUNSET OF ECONOMIC HARDSHIP AND UNEMPLOY-*  
 9       *MENT DEFERMENTS*.—Section 455(f) of the Higher Edu-  
 10      cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087e(f)) is amended—

11               (1) *by striking the subsection heading and in-*  
 12              *serting the following: “DEFERMENT; FORBEARANCE”;*

13              (2) *in paragraph (2)—*

14                      (A) *in subparagraph (B), by striking “not*  
 15                      *in” and inserting “subject to paragraph (7), not*  
 16                      *in”; and*

17                      (B) *in subparagraph (D), by striking “not*  
 18                      *in” and inserting “subject to paragraph (7), not*  
 19                      *in”; and*

20              (3) *by adding at the end the following:*

21                      “(7) *SUNSET OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC*  
 22                      *HARDSHIP DEFERMENTS*.—A borrower who receives a  
 23                      loan made under this part on or after July 1, 2027,  
 24                      shall not be eligible to defer such loan under subpara-  
 25                      graph (B) or (D) of paragraph (2).”.

1       (b) *FORBEARANCE ON LOANS MADE UNDER THIS*  
 2 *PART ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2027.*—Section 455(f) of the  
 3 *Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087e(f)) is*  
 4 *amended by adding at the end the following:*

5               “(8) *FORBEARANCE ON LOANS MADE UNDER*  
 6 *THIS PART ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2027.*—A borrower  
 7 *who receives a loan made under this part on or after*  
 8 *July 1, 2027, may only be eligible for a forbearance*  
 9 *on such loan pursuant to section 428(c)(3)(B) that*  
 10 *does not exceed 9 months during any 24-month pe-*  
 11 *riod.”.*

12 **SEC. 82003. LOAN REHABILITATION.**

13       (a) *UPDATING LOAN REHABILITATION LIMITS.*—

14               (1) *FFEL AND DIRECT LOANS.*—Section  
 15 *428F(a)(5) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20*  
 16 *U.S.C. 1078–6(a)(5)) is amended by striking “one*  
 17 *time” and inserting “two times”.*

18               (2) *PERKINS LOANS.*—Section 464(h)(1)(D) of  
 19 *the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.*  
 20 *1087dd(h)(1)(D)) is amended by striking “once” and*  
 21 *inserting “twice”.*

22               (3) *EFFECTIVE DATE.*—The amendments made  
 23 *by this subsection shall take effect beginning on July*  
 24 *1, 2027, and shall apply with respect to any loan*  
 25 *made, insured, or guaranteed under title IV of the*

1        *Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070 et*  
 2        *seq.).*

3        (b) *MINIMUM MONTHLY PAYMENT AMOUNT.*—Section  
 4        428F(a)(1)(B) of the *Higher Education Act of 1965 (20*  
 5        *U.S.C. 1078–6(a)(1)(B))* is amended by adding at the end  
 6        the following: “With respect to a borrower who has 1 or  
 7        more loans made under part D on or after July 1, 2027  
 8        that are described in subparagraph (A), the total monthly  
 9        payment of the borrower for all such loans shall not be less  
 10        than \$10.”.

11        **SEC. 82004. PUBLIC SERVICE LOAN FORGIVENESS.**

12        Section 455(m)(1)(A) of the *Higher Education Act of*  
 13        *1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087e(m)(1)(A))* is amended—

14                (1) in clause (iii), by striking “; or” and insert-  
 15                ing a semicolon;

16                (2) in clause (iv), by striking “; and” and in-  
 17                serting “(as in effect on the day before the date of the  
 18                repeal of subsection (e) of this section); or”; and

19                (3) by adding at the end the following new  
 20                clause:

21                        “(v) on-time payments under the Re-  
 22                        payment Assistance Plan under subsection  
 23                        (q); and”.

1 **SEC. 82005. STUDENT LOAN SERVICING.**

2 *Paragraph (1) of section 458(a) of the Higher Edu-*  
 3 *cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087h(a)(1)) is amended to*  
 4 *read as follows:*

5 “(1) *ADDITIONAL MANDATORY FUNDS FOR SERV-*  
 6 *ICING.—There shall be available to the Secretary (in*  
 7 *addition to any other amounts appropriated under*  
 8 *any appropriations Act for administrative costs*  
 9 *under this part and part B and out of any money*  
 10 *in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated)*  
 11 *\$1,000,000,000 to be obligated for administrative costs*  
 12 *under this part and part B, including the costs of*  
 13 *servicing the direct student loan programs under this*  
 14 *part, which shall remain available until expended.”.*

15 ***Subtitle D—Pell Grants***

16 **SEC. 83001. ELIGIBILITY.**

17 (a) *FOREIGN INCOME AND FEDERAL PELL GRANT*  
 18 *ELIGIBILITY.—*

19 (1) *ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME DEFINED.—Sec-*  
 20 *tion 401(a)(2)(A) of the Higher Education Act of*  
 21 *1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a(a)(2)(A)) is amended to read*  
 22 *as follows:*

23 “(A) *the term ‘adjusted gross income’*  
 24 *means—*

1           “(i) in the case of a dependent student,  
2           for the second tax year preceding the aca-  
3           demic year—

4                   “(I) the adjusted gross income (as  
5                   defined in section 62 of the Internal  
6                   Revenue Code of 1986) of the student’s  
7                   parents; plus

8                   “(II) for Federal Pell Grant deter-  
9                   minations made for academic years be-  
10                  ginning on or after July 1, 2026, the  
11                  foreign income (as described in section  
12                  480(b)(5)) of the student’s parents; and

13           “(ii) in the case of an independent stu-  
14           dent, for the second tax year preceding the  
15           academic year—

16                   “(I) the adjusted gross income (as  
17                   defined in section 62 of the Internal  
18                   Revenue Code of 1986) of the student  
19                   (and the student’s spouse, if applica-  
20                   ble); plus

21                   “(II) for Federal Pell Grant deter-  
22                   minations made for academic years be-  
23                  ginning on or after July 1, 2026, the  
24                  foreign income (as described in section

1                   480(b)(5)) of the student (and the stu-  
 2                   dent’s spouse, if applicable);”.

3                   (2) *SUNSET*.—Section 401(b)(1)(D) of the High-  
 4                   er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a(b)(1)(D))  
 5                   is amended—

6                   (A) by striking “A student” and inserting  
 7                   “For each academic year beginning before July  
 8                   1, 2026, a student”; and

9                   (B) by inserting “, as in effect for such aca-  
 10                  demic year,” after “section 479A(b)(1)(B)(v)”.

11                  (3) *CONFORMING AMENDMENTS*.—

12                  (A) *IN GENERAL*.—Section 479A(b)(1)(B) of  
 13                  the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
 14                  1087t(b)(1)(B)) is amended—

15                       (i) by striking clause (v); and

16                       (ii) by redesignating clauses (vi) and  
 17                       (vii) as clauses (v) and (vi), respectively.

18                  (B) *EFFECTIVE DATE*.—The amendment  
 19                  made by subparagraph (A) shall take effect on  
 20                  July 1, 2026.

21                  (b) *FEDERAL PELL GRANT INELIGIBILITY DUE TO A*  
 22                  *HIGH STUDENT AID INDEX*.—

23                  (1) *IN GENERAL*.—Section 401(b)(1) of the High-  
 24                  er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a(b)(1)) is  
 25                  amended by adding at the end the following:

1                   “(F) *INELIGIBILITY OF STUDENTS WITH A*  
 2                   *HIGH STUDENT AID INDEX.*—*Notwithstanding*  
 3                   *subparagraphs (A) through (E), a student shall*  
 4                   *not be eligible for a Federal Pell Grant under*  
 5                   *this subsection for an academic year in which*  
 6                   *the student has a student aid index that equals*  
 7                   *or exceeds twice the amount of the total max-*  
 8                   *imum Federal Pell Grant for such academic*  
 9                   *year.”.*

10                  (2) *EFFECTIVE DATE.*—*The amendment made by*  
 11                  *paragraph (1) shall take effect on July 1, 2026.*

12 **SEC. 83002. WORKFORCE PELL GRANTS.**

13                  (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Section 401 of the Higher Edu-*  
 14                  *cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a) is amended by adding*  
 15                  *at the end the following:*

16                  “(k) *WORKFORCE PELL GRANT PROGRAM.*—

17                         “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*For the award year begin-*  
 18                         *ning on July 1, 2026, and each subsequent award*  
 19                         *year, the Secretary shall award grants (to be known*  
 20                         *as ‘Workforce Pell Grants’) to eligible students under*  
 21                         *paragraph (2) in accordance with this subsection.*

22                         “(2) *ELIGIBLE STUDENTS.*—*To be eligible to re-*  
 23                         *ceive a Workforce Pell Grant under this subsection for*  
 24                         *any period of enrollment, a student shall meet the eli-*

1       *gibility requirements for a Federal Pell Grant under*  
 2       *this section, except that the student—*

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

7               “(B) *may not—*

8                       “(i) *be enrolled, or accepted for enroll-*  
 9                       *ment, in a program of study that leads to*  
 10                      *a graduate credential; or*

11                     “(ii) *have attained such a credential.*

12               “(3) *TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AWARDS.—The*  
 13       *Secretary shall award Workforce Pell Grants under*  
 14       *this subsection in the same manner and with the*  
 15       *same terms and conditions as the Secretary awards*  
 16       *Federal Pell Grants under this section, except that—*

17               “(A) *each use of the term ‘eligible program’*  
 18               *(except in subsection (b)(9)(A)) shall be sub-*  
 19               *stituted by ‘eligible workforce program under sec-*  
 20               *tion 481(b)(3)’;*

21               “(B) *the provisions of subsection (d)(2)*  
 22               *shall not be applicable to eligible workforce pro-*  
 23               *grams; and*

24               “(C) *a student who is eligible for a grant*  
 25               *equal to less than the amount of the minimum*



1       *Federal Pell Grant because the eligible workforce*  
 2       *program in which the student is enrolled or ac-*  
 3       *cepted for enrollment is less than an academic*  
 4       *year (in hours of instruction or weeks of dura-*  
 5       *tion) may still be eligible for a Workforce Pell*  
 6       *Grant in an amount that is prorated based on*  
 7       *the length of the program.*

8       “(4) *PREVENTION OF DOUBLE BENEFITS.*—No el-  
 9       *igible student described in paragraph (2) may con-*  
 10       *currently receive a grant under both this subsection*  
 11       *and—*

12               “(A) *subsection (b); or*

13               “(B) *subsection (c).*

14       “(5) *DURATION LIMIT.*—Any period of study cov-  
 15       *ered by a Workforce Pell Grant awarded under this*  
 16       *subsection shall be included in determining a stu-*  
 17       *dent’s duration limit under subsection (d)(5).”.*

18       (b) *PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY FOR WORKFORCE PELL*  
 19       *GRANTS.*—Section 481(b) of the Higher Education Act of  
 20       1965 (20 U.S.C. 1088(b)) is amended—

21               (1) *by redesignating paragraphs (3) and (4) as*  
 22       *paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively; and*

23               (2) *by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-*  
 24       *lowing:*

1           “(3)(A) *A program is an eligible program for*  
2           *purposes of the Workforce Pell Grant program under*  
3           *section 401(k) only if—*

4                   “(i) *it is a program of at least 150 clock*  
5                   *hours of instruction, but less than 600 clock*  
6                   *hours of instruction, or an equivalent number of*  
7                   *credit hours, offered by an eligible institution*  
8                   *during a minimum of 8 weeks, but less than 15*  
9                   *weeks;*

10                   “(ii) *it is not offered as a correspondence*  
11                   *course, as defined in 600.2 of title 34, Code of*  
12                   *Federal Regulations (as in effect on July 1,*  
13                   *2021);*

14                   “(iii) *the Governor of a State, after con-*  
15                   *sultation with the State board, determines that*  
16                   *the program—*

17                           “(I) *provides an education aligned*  
18                           *with the requirements of high-skill, high-*  
19                           *wage (as identified by the State pursuant to*  
20                           *section 122 of the Carl D. Perkins Career*  
21                           *and Technical Education Act (20 U.S.C.*  
22                           *2342)), or in-demand industry sectors or oc-*  
23                           *cupations;*

1           “(II) meets the hiring requirements of  
 2           potential employers in the sectors or occu-  
 3           pations described in subclause (I);

4           “(III) either—

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

9                 “(bb) with respect to students en-  
 10                 rolled in the program—

11                 “(AA) prepares such students  
 12                 for employment in an occupation  
 13                 for which there is only one recog-  
 14                 nized postsecondary credential;  
 15                 and

16                 “(BB) provides such students  
 17                 with such a credential upon com-  
 18                 pletion of such program; and

19           “(IV) prepares students to pursue 1 or  
 20           more certificate or degree programs at 1 or  
 21           more institutions of higher education (which  
 22           may include the eligible institution pro-  
 23           viding the program), including by ensur-  
 24           ing—

1                   “(aa) that a student, upon com-  
2                   pletion of the program and enrollment  
3                   in such a related certificate or degree  
4                   program, will receive academic credit  
5                   for the Workforce Pell program that  
6                   will be accepted toward meeting such  
7                   certificate or degree program require-  
8                   ments; and

9                   “(bb) the acceptability of such  
10                  credit toward meeting such certificate  
11                  or degree program requirements; and

12                 “(iv) after the Governor of such State makes  
13                 the determination that the program meets the re-  
14                 quirements under clause (iii), the Secretary de-  
15                 termines that—

16                 “(I) the program has been offered by  
17                 the eligible institution for not less than 1  
18                 year prior to the date on which the Sec-  
19                 retary makes a determination under this  
20                 clause;

21                 “(II) for each award year, the program  
22                 has a verified completion rate of at least 70  
23                 percent, within 150 percent of the normal  
24                 time for completion;

1           “(III) for each award year, the pro-  
2           gram has a verified job placement rate of at  
3           least 70 percent, measured 180 days after  
4           completion; and

5           “(IV) for each award year, the total  
6           amount of the published tuition and fees of  
7           the program for such year is an amount  
8           that does not exceed the value-added earn-  
9           ings of students who received Federal finan-  
10          cial aid under this title and who completed  
11          the program 3 years prior to the award  
12          year, as such earnings are determined by  
13          calculating the difference between—

14               “(aa) the median earnings of such  
15               students, as adjusted by the State and  
16               metropolitan area regional price pari-  
17               ties of the Bureau of Economic Anal-  
18               ysis based on the location of such pro-  
19               gram; and

20               “(bb) 150 percent of the poverty  
21               line applicable to a single individual  
22               as determined under section 673(2) of  
23               the Community Services Block Grant  
24               Act (42 U.S.C. 9902(2)) for such year.

25           “(B) In this paragraph:

1           “(i) The term ‘eligible institution’ means an  
2           eligible institution for purposes of section 401.

3           “(ii) The term ‘Governor’ means the chief  
4           executive of a State.

5           “(iii) The terms ‘in-demand industry sector  
6           or occupation’, ‘recognized postsecondary creden-  
7           tial’, and ‘State board’ have the meanings given  
8           such terms in section 3 of the Workforce Innova-  
9           tion and Opportunity Act.”.

10       (c) *EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICABILITY.*—The amend-  
11       ments made by this section shall take effect on July 1, 2026,  
12       and shall apply with respect to award year 2026–2027 and  
13       each succeeding award year.

14       **SEC. 83003. PELL SHORTFALL.**

15       Section 401(b)(7)(A)(iii) of the Higher Education Act  
16       of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a(b)(7)(A)(iii)) is amended by  
17       striking “\$2,170,000,000” and inserting  
18       “\$12,670,000,000”.

19       **SEC. 83004. FEDERAL PELL GRANT EXCLUSION RELATING**  
20       **TO OTHER GRANT AID.**

21       Section 401(d) of the Higher Education Act of 1965  
22       (20 U.S.C. 1070a(d)) is amended by adding at the end the  
23       following:

24           “(6) *EXCLUSION.*—Beginning on July 1, 2026,  
25       and notwithstanding this subsection or subsection (b),

1     *a student shall not be eligible for a Federal Pell*  
 2     *Grant under subsection (b) during any period for*  
 3     *which the student receives grant aid from non-Federal*  
 4     *sources, including States, institutions of higher edu-*  
 5     *cation, or private sources, in an amount that equals*  
 6     *or exceeds the student’s cost of attendance for such pe-*  
 7     *riod.”.*

## 8                   ***Subtitle E—Accountability***

### 9     ***SEC. 84001. INELIGIBILITY BASED ON LOW EARNING OUT-*** 10                   ***COMES.***

11           *Section 454 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20*  
 12     *U.S.C. 1087d) is amended—*

13                 *(1) in subsection (a)—*

14                         *(A) in paragraph (5), by striking “and”*  
 15                         *after the semicolon;*

16                         *(B) by redesignating paragraph (6) as*  
 17                         *paragraph (7); and*

18                         *(C) by inserting after paragraph (5) the fol-*  
 19                         *lowing:*

20                         *“(6) provide assurances that, beginning July 1,*  
 21                         *2026, the institution will comply with all require-*  
 22                         *ments of subsection (c); and”;*

23                         *(2) in subsection (b)(2), by striking “and (6)”*  
 24                         *and inserting “(6), and (7)”;*

1           (3) *by redesignating subsection (c) as subsection*  
 2           *(d); and*

3           (4) *by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-*  
 4           *lowing:*

5           “(c) *INELIGIBILITY FOR CERTAIN PROGRAMS BASED*  
 6           *ON LOW EARNING OUTCOMES.—*

7           “(1) *IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section*  
 8           *481(b), an institution of higher education subject to*  
 9           *this subsection shall not use funds under this part for*  
 10           *student enrollment in an educational program offered*  
 11           *by the institution that is described in paragraph (2).*

12           “(2) *LOW-EARNING OUTCOME PROGRAMS DE-*  
 13           *SCRIBED.—An educational program at an institution*  
 14           *is described in this paragraph if the program awards*  
 15           *an undergraduate degree, graduate or professional de-*  
 16           *gree, or graduate certificate, for which the median*  
 17           *earnings (as determined by the Secretary) of the pro-*  
 18           *grammatic cohort of students who received funds*  
 19           *under this title for enrollment in such program, who*  
 20           *completed such program during the academic year*  
 21           *that is 4 years before the year of the determination,*  
 22           *who are not enrolled in any institution of higher edu-*  
 23           *cation, and who are working, are, for not less than*  
 24           *2 of the 3 years immediately preceding the date of the*  
 25           *determination, less than the median earnings of a*



1       *working adult described in paragraph (3) for the cor-*  
 2       *responding year.*

3               “(3) *CALCULATION OF MEDIAN EARNINGS.*—

4               “(A) *WORKING ADULT.*—*For purposes of*  
 5       *applying paragraph (2) to an educational pro-*  
 6       *gram at an institution, a working adult de-*  
 7       *scribed in this paragraph is a working adult*  
 8       *who, for the corresponding year—*

9                       “(i) *is aged 25 to 34;*

10                      “(ii) *is not enrolled in an institution*  
 11                      *of higher education; and*

12                      “(iii)(I) *in the case of a determination*  
 13                      *made for an educational program that*  
 14                      *awards a baccalaureate or lesser degree, has*  
 15                      *only a high school diploma or its recognized*  
 16                      *equivalent; or*

17                      “(II) *in the case of a determination*  
 18                      *made for a graduate or professional pro-*  
 19                      *gram, has only a baccalaureate degree.*

20               “(B) *SOURCE OF DATA.*—*For purposes of*  
 21       *applying paragraph (2) to an educational pro-*  
 22       *gram at an institution, the median earnings of*  
 23       *a working adult, as described in subparagraph*  
 24       *(A), shall be based on data from the Bureau of*  
 25       *the Census—*

1           “(i) with respect to an educational  
2           program that awards a baccalaureate or  
3           lesser degree—

4                   “(I) for the State in which the in-  
5                   stitution is located; or

6                   “(II) if fewer than 50 percent of  
7                   the students enrolled in the institution  
8                   reside in the State where the institu-  
9                   tion is located, for the entire United  
10                  States; and

11          “(ii) with respect to an educational  
12          program that is a graduate or professional  
13          program—

14                  “(I) for the lowest median earn-  
15                  ings of—

16                          “(aa) a working adult in the  
17                          State in which the institution is  
18                          located;

19                          “(bb) a working adult in the  
20                          same field of study (as determined  
21                          by the Secretary, such as by using  
22                          the 2-digit CIP code) in the State  
23                          in which the institution is located;  
24                          and

1                   “(cc) a working adult in the  
 2                   same field of study (as so deter-  
 3                   mined) in the entire United  
 4                   States; or

5                   “(II) if fewer than 50 percent of  
 6                   the students enrolled in the institution  
 7                   reside in the State where the institu-  
 8                   tion is located, for the lower median  
 9                   earnings of—

10                   “(aa) a working adult in the  
 11                   entire United States; or

12                   “(bb) a working adult in the  
 13                   same field of study (as so deter-  
 14                   mined) in the entire United  
 15                   States.

16                   “(4) *SMALL PROGRAMMATIC COHORTS.*—For any  
 17                   year for which the programmatic cohort described in  
 18                   paragraph (2) for an educational program of an in-  
 19                   stitution is fewer than 30 individuals, the Secretary  
 20                   shall—

21                   “(A) first, aggregate additional years of  
 22                   programmatic data in order to achieve a cohort  
 23                   of at least 30 individuals; and

24                   “(B) second, in cases in which the cohort  
 25                   (including the individuals added under subpara-

graph (A)) is still fewer than 30 individuals, aggregate additional cohort years of programmatic data for educational programs of equivalent length in order to achieve a cohort of at least 30 individuals.

“(5) *APPEALS PROCESS.*—An educational program shall not lose eligibility under this subsection unless the institution has had the opportunity to appeal the programmatic median earnings of students working and not enrolled determination under paragraph (2), through a process established by the Secretary. During such appeal, the Secretary may permit the educational program to continue to participate in the program under this part.

“(6) *NOTICE TO STUDENTS.*—

“(A) *IN GENERAL.*—If an educational program of an institution of higher education subject to this subsection does not meet the cohort median earning requirements, as described in paragraph (2), for one year during the applicable covered period but has not yet failed to meet such requirements for 2 years during such covered period, the institution shall promptly inform each student enrolled in the educational program of the eligible program’s low cohort me-

1        *dian earnings and that the educational program*  
 2        *is at risk of losing its eligibility for funds under*  
 3        *this part.*

4                “(B) COVERED PERIOD.—In this para-  
 5        *graph, the term ‘covered period’ means the pe-*  
 6        *riod of the 3 years immediately preceding the*  
 7        *date of a determination made under paragraph*  
 8        *(2).*

9                “(7) REGAINING PROGRAMMATIC ELIGIBILITY.—  
 10        *The Secretary shall establish a process by which an*  
 11        *institution of higher education that has an edu-*  
 12        *cational program that has lost eligibility under this*  
 13        *subsection may, after a period of not less than 2 years*  
 14        *of such program’s ineligibility, apply to regain such*  
 15        *eligibility, subject to the requirements established by*  
 16        *the Secretary that further the purpose of this sub-*  
 17        *section.”.*

## 18        ***Subtitle F—Regulatory Relief***

### 19        ***SEC. 85001. DELAY OF RULE RELATING TO BORROWER DE-*** 20        ***FENSE TO REPAYMENT.***

21        (a) DELAY.—Beginning on the date of enactment of  
 22        *this section, for loans that first originate before July 1,*  
 23        *2035, the provisions of subpart D of part 685 of title 34,*  
 24        *Code of Federal Regulations (relating to borrower defense*  
 25        *to repayment), as added or amended by the final regula-*

1 tions published by the Department of Education on Novem-  
 2 ber 1, 2022, and titled “Institutional Eligibility Under the  
 3 Higher Education Act of 1965, as Amended; Student Assist-  
 4 ance General Provisions; Federal Perkins Loan Program;  
 5 Federal Family Education Loan Program; and William D.  
 6 Ford Federal Direct Loan Program” (87 Fed. Reg. 65904)  
 7 shall not be in effect.

8 (b) *EFFECT.*—Beginning on the date of enactment of  
 9 this section, with respect to loans that first originate before  
 10 July 1, 2035, any regulations relating to borrower defense  
 11 to repayment that took effect on July 1, 2020, are restored  
 12 and revived as such regulations were in effect on such date.

13 **SEC. 85002. DELAY OF RULE RELATING TO CLOSED SCHOOL**  
 14 **DISCHARGES.**

15 (a) *DELAY.*—Beginning on the date of enactment of  
 16 this section, for loans that first originate before July 1,  
 17 2035, the provisions of sections 674.33(g), 682.402(d), and  
 18 685.214 of title 34, Code of Federal Regulations (relating  
 19 to closed school discharges), as added or amended by the  
 20 final regulations published by the Department of Education  
 21 on November 1, 2022, and titled “Institutional Eligibility  
 22 Under the Higher Education Act of 1965, as Amended; Stu-  
 23 dent Assistance General Provisions; Federal Perkins Loan  
 24 Program; Federal Family Education Loan Program; and

1 *William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program*” (87 Fed.  
2 *Reg.* 65904), shall not be in effect.

3 (b) *EFFECT.*—Beginning on the date of enactment of  
4 this section, with respect to loans that first originate before  
5 July 1, 2035, the portions of the Code of Federal Regula-  
6 tions described in subsection (a) and amended by the final  
7 regulations described in subsection (a) shall be in effect as  
8 if the amendments made by such final regulations had not  
9 been made.

## 10 ***Subtitle G—Garden of Heroes***

### 11 ***SEC. 86001. GARDEN OF HEROES.***

12 *In addition to amounts otherwise available, there are*  
13 *appropriated to the National Endowment for the Human-*  
14 *ities for fiscal year 2025, out of any money in the Treasury*  
15 *not otherwise appropriated, to remain available through fis-*  
16 *cal year 2028, \$40,000,000 for the procurement of statues*  
17 *as described in Executive Order 13934 (85 Fed. Reg. 41165;*  
18 *relating to building and rebuilding monuments to Amer-*  
19 *ican heroes), Executive Order 13978 (86 Fed. Reg. 6809;*  
20 *relating to building the National Garden of American He-*  
21 *roes), and Executive Order 14189 (90 Fed. Reg. 8849; relat-*  
22 *ing to celebrating America’s birthday).*

***Subtitle H—Office of Refugee  
Resettlement***

***SEC. 87001. POTENTIAL SPONSOR VETTING FOR UNACCOM-  
PANIED ALIEN CHILDREN APPROPRIATION.***

*(a) APPROPRIATION.—In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is appropriated to the Office of Refugee Resettlement for fiscal year 2025, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$300,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2028, for the purposes described in subsection (b).*

*(b) USE OF FUNDS.—The funds made available under subsection (a) may only be used for the Office of Refugee Resettlement to support costs associated with—*

*(1) background checks on potential sponsors, which shall include—*

*(A) the name of the potential sponsor and of all adult residents of the potential sponsor’s household;*

*(B) the social security number or tax payer identification number of the potential sponsor and of all adult residents of the potential sponsor’s household;*

*(C) the date of birth of the potential sponsor and of all adult residents of the potential sponsor’s household;*



1           (D) the validated location of the residence  
2           at which the unaccompanied alien child will be  
3           placed;

4           (E) an in-person or virtual interview with,  
5           and suitability study concerning, the potential  
6           sponsor and all adult residents of the potential  
7           sponsor's household;

8           (F) contact information for the potential  
9           sponsor and for all adult residents of the poten-  
10          tial sponsor's household; and

11          (G) the results of all background and crimi-  
12          nal records checks for the potential sponsor and  
13          for all adult residents of the potential sponsor's  
14          household, which shall include, at a minimum,  
15          an investigation of the public records sex offender  
16          registry, a public records background check, and  
17          a national criminal history check based on fin-  
18          gerprints;

19          (2) home studies of potential sponsors of unac-  
20          companied alien children;

21          (3) determining whether an unaccompanied  
22          alien child poses a danger to self or others by con-  
23          ducting an examination of the unaccompanied alien  
24          child for gang-related tattoos and other gang-related  
25          markings and covering such tattoos or markings while

1     *the child is in the care of the Office of Refugee Reset-*  
 2     *tlement;*

3             *(4) data systems improvement and sharing that*  
 4     *supports the health, safety, and well being of unac-*  
 5     *companied alien children by determining the appro-*  
 6     *priateness of potential sponsors of unaccompanied*  
 7     *alien children and of adults residing in the household*  
 8     *of the potential sponsor and by assisting with the*  
 9     *identification and investigation of child labor exploi-*  
 10    *tation and child trafficking; and*

11            *(5) coordinating and communicating with State*  
 12    *child welfare agencies regarding the placement of un-*  
 13    *accompanied alien children in such States by the Of-*  
 14    *fice of Refugee Resettlement.*

15    *(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

16            *(1) POTENTIAL SPONSOR.—The term “potential*  
 17    *sponsor” means an individual or entity who applies*  
 18    *for the custody of an unaccompanied alien child.*

19            *(2) UNACCOMPANIED ALIEN CHILD.—The term*  
 20    *“unaccompanied alien child” has the meaning given*  
 21    *such term in section 462(g) of the Homeland Security*  
 22    *Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 279(g)).*

1 **TITLE IX—COMMITTEE ON**  
2 **HOMELAND SECURITY AND**  
3 **GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS**  
4 **Subtitle A—Homeland Security**  
5 **Provisions**

6 **SEC. 90001. BORDER INFRASTRUCTURE AND WALL SYSTEM.**

7 *In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is*  
8 *appropriated to the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and*  
9 *Border Protection for fiscal year 2025, out of any money*  
10 *in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to remain*  
11 *available until September 30, 2029, \$46,550,000,000 for*  
12 *necessary expenses relating to the following elements of the*  
13 *border infrastructure and wall system:*

14 *(1) Construction, installation, or improvement of*  
15 *new or replacement primary, waterborne, and sec-*  
16 *ondary barriers.*

17 *(2) Access roads.*

18 *(3) Barrier system attributes, including cameras,*  
19 *lights, sensors, and other detection technology.*

20 *(4) Any work necessary to prepare the ground at*  
21 *or near the border to allow U.S. Customs and Border*  
22 *Protection to conduct its operations, including the*  
23 *construction and maintenance of the barrier system.*

1 **SEC. 90002. U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION PER-**  
2 **SONNEL, FLEET VEHICLES, AND FACILITIES.**

3 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—In addition to amounts otherwise  
4 available, there is appropriated to the Commissioner of U.S.  
5 Customs and Border Protection for fiscal year 2025, out  
6 of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,  
7 the following:

8 (1) *PERSONNEL.*—\$4,100,000,000, to remain  
9 available until September 30, 2029, to hire and train  
10 additional Border Patrol agents, Office of Field Oper-  
11 ations officers, Air and Marine agents, rehired annu-  
12 itants, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection field  
13 support personnel.

14 (2) *RETENTION, HIRING, AND PERFORMANCE BO-*  
15 *NUSES.*—\$2,052,630,000, to remain available until  
16 September 30, 2029, to provide recruitment bonuses,  
17 performance awards, or annual retention bonuses to  
18 eligible Border Patrol agents, Office of Field Oper-  
19 ations officers, and Air and Marine agents.

20 (3) *VEHICLES.*—\$855,000,000, to remain avail-  
21 able until September 30, 2029, for the repair of exist-  
22 ing patrol units and the lease or acquisition of addi-  
23 tional patrol units.

24 (4) *FACILITIES.*—\$5,000,000,000 for necessary  
25 expenses relating to lease, acquisition, construction,  
26 design, or improvement of facilities and checkpoints

1        *owned, leased, or operated by U.S. Customs and Bor-*  
2        *der Protection.*

3        *(b) RESTRICTION.—None of the funds made available*  
4        *by subsection (a) may be used to recruit, hire, or train per-*  
5        *sonnel for the duties of processing coordinators after October*  
6        *31, 2028.*

7        **SEC. 90003. DETENTION CAPACITY.**

8        *(a) IN GENERAL.—In addition to any amounts other-*  
9        *wise appropriated, there is appropriated to U.S. Immigra-*  
10       *tion and Customs Enforcement for fiscal year 2025, out of*  
11       *any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to*  
12       *remain available until September 30, 2029,*  
13       *\$45,000,000,000, for single adult alien detention capacity*  
14       *and family residential center capacity.*

15       *(b) DURATION AND STANDARDS.—Aliens may be de-*  
16       *tained at family residential centers, as described in sub-*  
17       *section (a), pending a decision, under the Immigration and*  
18       *Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.), on whether the*  
19       *aliens are to be removed from the United States and, if such*  
20       *aliens are ordered removed from the United States, until*  
21       *such aliens are removed. The detention standards for the*  
22       *single adult detention capacity described in subsection (a)*  
23       *shall be set in the discretion of the Secretary of Homeland*  
24       *Security, consistent with applicable law.*

1       (c) *DEFINITION OF FAMILY RESIDENTIAL CENTER.*—  
 2   *In this section, the term “family residential center” means*  
 3   *a facility used by the Department of Homeland Security*  
 4   *to detain family units of aliens (including alien children*  
 5   *who are not unaccompanied alien children (as defined in*  
 6   *section 462(g) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6*  
 7   *U.S.C. 279(g)))) who are encountered or apprehended by*  
 8   *the Department of Homeland Security.*

9   **SEC. 90004. BORDER SECURITY, TECHNOLOGY, AND**  
 10                   **SCREENING.**

11       (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*In addition to amounts otherwise*  
 12   *available, there is appropriated to the Commissioner of U.S.*  
 13   *Customs and Border Protection for fiscal year 2025, out*  
 14   *of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,*  
 15   *to remain available until September 30, 2029,*  
 16   *\$6,168,000,000 for the following:*

17           (1) *Procurement and integration of new non-*  
 18       *intrusive inspection equipment and associated civil*  
 19       *works, including artificial intelligence, machine*  
 20       *learning, and other innovative technologies, as well as*  
 21       *other mission support, to combat the entry or exit of*  
 22       *illicit narcotics at ports of entry and along the south-*  
 23       *west, northern, and maritime borders.*

1           (2) *Air and Marine operations’ upgrading and*  
2           *procurement of new platforms for rapid air and ma-*  
3           *rine response capabilities.*

4           (3) *Upgrades and procurement of border surveil-*  
5           *lance technologies along the southwest, northern, and*  
6           *maritime borders.*

7           (4) *Necessary expenses, including the deployment*  
8           *of technology, relating to the biometric entry and exit*  
9           *system under section 7208 of the Intelligence Reform*  
10          *and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (8 U.S.C.*  
11          *1365b).*

12          (5) *Screening persons entering or exiting the*  
13          *United States.*

14          (6) *Initial screenings of unaccompanied alien*  
15          *children (as defined in section 462(g) of the Home-*  
16          *land Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 279(g))), con-*  
17          *sistent with the William Wilberforce Trafficking Vic-*  
18          *tims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 (Public*  
19          *Law 110–457; 122 Stat. 5044).*

20          (7) *Enhancing border security by combating*  
21          *drug trafficking, including fentanyl and its precursor*  
22          *chemicals, at the southwest, northern, and maritime*  
23          *borders.*

24          (8) *Commemorating efforts and events related to*  
25          *border security.*

1       (b) *RESTRICTIONS.*—None of the funds made available  
 2 under subsection (a) may be used for the procurement or  
 3 deployment of surveillance towers along the southwest bor-  
 4 der and northern border that have not been tested and ac-  
 5 cepted by U.S. Customs and Border Protection to deliver  
 6 autonomous capabilities.

7       (c) *DEFINITION OF AUTONOMOUS.*—In this section,  
 8 with respect to capabilities, the term “autonomous” means  
 9 a system designed to apply artificial intelligence, machine  
 10 learning, computer vision, or other algorithms to accurately  
 11 detect, identify, classify, and track items of interest in real  
 12 time such that the system can make operational adjust-  
 13 ments without the active engagement of personnel or contin-  
 14 uous human command or control.

15 **SEC. 90005. STATE AND LOCAL ASSISTANCE.**

16       (a) *STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PRO-*  
 17 *GRAMS.*—

18               (1) *IN GENERAL.*—In addition to amounts other-  
 19 wise available, there is appropriated to the Adminis-  
 20 trator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency  
 21 for fiscal year 2025, out of any money in the Treas-  
 22 ury not otherwise appropriated, to remain available  
 23 until September 30, 2029, to be administered under  
 24 the State Homeland Security Grant Program author-  
 25 ized under section 2004 of the Homeland Security Act



1       of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 605), to enhance State, local, and  
 2       Tribal security through grants, contracts, cooperative  
 3       agreements, and other activities—

4               (A) \$500,000,000 for State and local capa-  
 5               bilities to detect, identify, track, or monitor  
 6               threats from unmanned aircraft systems (as such  
 7               term is defined in section 44801 of title 49,  
 8               United States Code), consistent with titles 18  
 9               and 49 of the United States Code;

10              (B) \$625,000,000 for security and other  
 11              costs related to the 2026 FIFA World Cup;

12              (C) \$1,000,000,000 for security, planning,  
 13              and other costs related to the 2028 Olympics;  
 14              and

15              (D) \$450,000,000 for the Operation  
 16              Stonegarden Grant Program.

17       (2) *TERMS AND CONDITIONS.*—None of the funds  
 18       made available under subparagraph (B) or (C) of  
 19       paragraph (1) shall be subject to the requirements of  
 20       section 2004(e)(1) or section 2008(a)(12) of the Home-  
 21       land Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 605(e)(1),  
 22       609(a)(12)).

23       (b) *STATE BORDER SECURITY REINFORCEMENT*  
 24       *FUND.*—

1           (1) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—*There is established, in*  
2           *the Department of Homeland Security, a fund to be*  
3           *known as the “State Border Security Reinforcement*  
4           *Fund.”*

5           (2) *PURPOSES.*—*The Secretary of Homeland Se-*  
6           *curity shall use amounts appropriated or otherwise*  
7           *made available for the Fund for grants to eligible*  
8           *States and units of local government for any of the*  
9           *following purposes:*

10           (A) *Construction or installation of a border*  
11           *wall, border fencing or other barrier, or buoys*  
12           *along the southern border of the United States,*  
13           *which may include planning, procurement of*  
14           *materials, and personnel costs related to such*  
15           *construction or installation.*

16           (B) *Any work necessary to prepare the*  
17           *ground at or near land borders to allow con-*  
18           *struction and maintenance of a border wall or*  
19           *other barrier fencing.*

20           (C) *Detection and interdiction of illicit sub-*  
21           *stances and aliens who have unlawfully entered*  
22           *the United States and have committed a crime*  
23           *under Federal, State, or local law, and transfer*  
24           *or referral of such aliens to the Department of*  
25           *Homeland Security as provided by law.*

1           (D) *Relocation of aliens who are unlawfully*  
2           *present in the United States from small popu-*  
3           *lation centers to other domestic locations.*

4           (3) *APPROPRIATION.—In addition to amounts*  
5           *otherwise available for the purposes described in*  
6           *paragraph (2), there is appropriated for fiscal year*  
7           *2025, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise*  
8           *appropriated, to the Department of Homeland Secu-*  
9           *rity for the State Border Security Reinforcement*  
10          *Fund established by paragraph (1), \$10,000,000,000,*  
11          *to remain available until September 30, 2034, for*  
12          *qualified expenses for such purposes.*

13          (4) *ELIGIBILITY.—The Secretary of Homeland*  
14          *Security may provide grants from the fund estab-*  
15          *lished by paragraph (1) to State agencies and units*  
16          *of local governments for expenditures made for com-*  
17          *pleted, ongoing, or new activities, in accordance with*  
18          *law, that occurred on or after January 20, 2021.*

19          (5) *APPLICATION.—Each State desiring to apply*  
20          *for a grant under this subsection shall submit an ap-*  
21          *plication to the Secretary containing such informa-*  
22          *tion in support of the application as the Secretary*  
23          *may require. The Secretary shall require that each*  
24          *State include in its application the purposes for*  
25          *which the State seeks the funds and a description of*

1        *how the State plans to allocate the funds. The Sec-*  
 2        *retary shall begin to accept applications not later*  
 3        *than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this*  
 4        *Act.*

5            (6) *TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—Nothing in this*  
 6        *subsection shall authorize any State or local govern-*  
 7        *ment to exercise immigration or border security au-*  
 8        *thorities reserved exclusively to the Federal Govern-*  
 9        *ment under the Immigration and Nationality Act (8*  
 10       *U.S.C. 1101 et seq.) or the Homeland Security Act of*  
 11       *2002 (6 U.S.C. 101 et seq.). The Federal Emergency*  
 12       *Management Agency may use not more than 1 per-*  
 13       *cent of the funds made available under this subsection*  
 14       *for the purpose of administering grants provided for*  
 15       *in this section.*

16    **SEC. 90006. PRESIDENTIAL RESIDENCE PROTECTION.**

17        (a) *IN GENERAL.—In addition to amounts otherwise*  
 18        *available, there is appropriated to the Administrator of the*  
 19        *Federal Emergency Management Agency for fiscal year*  
 20        *2025, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise ap-*  
 21        *propriated, \$300,000,000, to remain available until Sep-*  
 22        *tember 30, 2029, for the reimbursement of extraordinary*  
 23        *law enforcement personnel costs for protection activities di-*  
 24        *rectly and demonstrably associated with any residence of*  
 25        *the President designated pursuant to section 3 or 4 of the*

1 *Presidential Protection Assistance Act of 1976 (Public Law*  
 2 *94–524; 18 U.S.C. 3056 note) to be secured by the United*  
 3 *States Secret Service.*

4 (b) *AVAILABILITY.—Funds appropriated under this*  
 5 *section shall be available only for costs that a State or local*  
 6 *agency—*

7 (1) *incurred or incurs on or after July 1, 2024;*

8 (2) *demonstrates to the Administrator of the*  
 9 *Federal Emergency Management Agency as being—*

10 (A) *in excess of typical law enforcement op-*  
 11 *eration costs;*

12 (B) *directly attributable to the provision of*  
 13 *protection described in this section; and*

14 (C) *associated with a nongovernmental*  
 15 *property designated pursuant to section 3 or 4*  
 16 *of the Presidential Protection Assistance Act of*  
 17 *1976 (Public Law 94–524; 18 U.S.C. 3056 note)*  
 18 *to be secured by the United States Secret Service;*  
 19 *and*

20 (3) *certifies to the Administrator as compen-*  
 21 *sating protection activities requested by the United*  
 22 *States Secret Service.*

23 (c) *TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The Federal Emergency*  
 24 *Management Agency may use not more than 3 percent of*

1 *the funds made available under this section for the purpose*  
 2 *of administering grants provided for in this section.*

3 **SEC. 90007. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPRO-**  
 4 **PRIATIONS FOR BORDER SUPPORT.**

5 *In addition to amounts otherwise available, there are*  
 6 *appropriated to the Secretary of Homeland Security for fis-*  
 7 *cal year 2025, out of any money in the Treasury not other-*  
 8 *wise appropriated, \$10,000,000,000, to remain available*  
 9 *until September 30, 2029, for reimbursement of costs in-*  
 10 *curred in undertaking activities in support of the Depart-*  
 11 *ment of Homeland Security’s mission to safeguard the bor-*  
 12 *ders of the United States.*

13 ***Subtitle B—Governmental Affairs***  
 14 ***Provisions***

15 **SEC. 90101. FEHB IMPROVEMENTS.**

16 (a) *SHORT TITLE.*—*This section may be cited as the*  
 17 *“FEHB Protection Act of 2025”.*

18 (b) *DEFINITIONS.*—*In this section:*

19 (1) *DIRECTOR.*—*The term “Director” means the*  
 20 *Director of the Office of Personnel Management.*

21 (2) *HEALTH BENEFITS PLAN; MEMBER OF FAM-*  
 22 *ILY.*—*The terms “health benefits plan” and “member*  
 23 *of family” have the meanings given those terms in*  
 24 *section 8901 of title 5, United States Code.*

1           (3) *OPEN SEASON.*—*The term “open season”*  
 2           *means an open season described in section 890.301(f)*  
 3           *of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, or any suc-*  
 4           *cessor regulation.*

5           (4) *PROGRAM.*—*The term “Program” means the*  
 6           *health insurance programs carried out under chapter*  
 7           *89 of title 5, United States Code, including the pro-*  
 8           *gram carried out under section 8903c of that title.*

9           (5) *QUALIFYING LIFE EVENT.*—*The term “quali-*  
 10          *fying life event” has the meaning given the term in*  
 11          *section 892.101 of title 5, Code of Federal Regula-*  
 12          *tions, or any successor regulation.*

13          (c) *VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.*—*Not later than 1*  
 14          *year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Director*  
 15          *shall issue regulations and implement a process to verify—*

16               (1) *the veracity of any qualifying life event*  
 17               *through which an enrollee in the Program seeks to*  
 18               *add a member of family with respect to the enrollee*  
 19               *to a health benefits plan under the Program; and*

20               (2) *that, when an enrollee in the Program seeks*  
 21               *to add a member of family with respect to the enrollee*  
 22               *to the health benefits plan of the enrollee under the*  
 23               *Program, including during any open season, the indi-*  
 24               *vidual so added is a qualifying member of family*  
 25               *with respect to the enrollee.*

1       (d) *FRAUD RISK ASSESSMENT.*—*In any fraud risk as-*  
 2       *essment conducted with respect to the Program on or after*  
 3       *the date of enactment of this Act, the Director shall include*  
 4       *an assessment of individuals who are enrolled in, or covered*  
 5       *under, a health benefits plan under the Program even*  
 6       *though those individuals are not eligible to be so enrolled*  
 7       *or covered.*

8       (e) *FAMILY MEMBER ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION*  
 9       *AUDIT.*—

10           (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*During the 3-year period be-*  
 11       *ginning on the date that is 1 year after the date of*  
 12       *enactment of this Act, the Director shall carry out a*  
 13       *comprehensive audit regarding members of family*  
 14       *who are covered under an enrollment in a health ben-*  
 15       *efits plan under the Program.*

16           (2) *CONTENTS.*—*With respect to the audit car-*  
 17       *ried out under paragraph (1), the Director shall re-*  
 18       *view marriage certificates, birth certificates, and*  
 19       *other appropriate documents that are necessary to de-*  
 20       *termine eligibility to enroll in a health benefits plan*  
 21       *under the Program.*

22       (f) *DISENROLLMENT OR REMOVAL.*—*Not later than*  
 23       *180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Direc-*  
 24       *tor shall develop a process by which any individual enrolled*  
 25       *in, or covered under, a health benefits plan under the Pro-*



1 *gram who is not eligible to be so enrolled or covered shall*  
 2 *be disenrolled or removed from enrollment in, or coverage*  
 3 *under, that health benefits plan.*

4 *(g) EARNED BENEFITS AND HEALTH CARE ADMINIS-*  
 5 *TRATIVE SERVICES ASSOCIATED OVERSIGHT AND AUDIT*  
 6 *FUNDING.—Section 8909 of title 5, United States Code, is*  
 7 *amended—*

8 *(1) in subsection (a)(2), by inserting before the*  
 9 *period at the end the following: “, except that the*  
 10 *amounts required to be set aside under subsection*  
 11 *(b)(2) shall not be subject to the limitations that may*  
 12 *be specified annually by Congress”; and*

13 *(2) in subsection (b)—*

14 *(A) by redesignating paragraph (2) as*  
 15 *paragraph (3); and*

16 *(B) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-*  
 17 *lowing:*

18 *“(2) In fiscal year 2026, \$66,000,000, to be de-*  
 19 *rived from all contributions, and to remain available*  
 20 *until the end of fiscal year 2035, for the Director of*  
 21 *the Office to carry out subsections (c) through (f) of*  
 22 *the FEHB Protection Act of 2025.”.*

1 **SEC. 90102. PANDEMIC RESPONSE ACCOUNTABILITY COM-**  
 2 **MITTEE.**

3 (a) *PANDEMIC RESPONSE ACCOUNTABILITY COM-*  
 4 *MITTEE FUNDING AVAILABILITY.*—*In addition to amounts*  
 5 *otherwise available, there is appropriated for fiscal year*  
 6 *2026, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise ap-*  
 7 *propriated, \$88,000,000, to remain available until ex-*  
 8 *pended, for the Pandemic Response Accountability Com-*  
 9 *mittee to support oversight of the Coronavirus response and*  
 10 *of funds provided in this Act or any other Act pertaining*  
 11 *to the Coronavirus pandemic.*

12 (b) *CARES ACT.*—*Section 15010 of the CARES Act*  
 13 *(Public Law 116–136; 134 Stat. 533) is amended—*

14 (1) *in subsection (a)(6)—*

15 (A) *in subparagraph (E), by striking “or”*  
 16 *at the end;*

17 (B) *in subparagraph (F), by striking “and”*  
 18 *at the end and inserting “or”; and*

19 (C) *by adding at the end the following:*

20 “(G) *the Act titled ‘An Act to provide for*  
 21 *reconciliation pursuant to title II of H. Con.*  
 22 *Res. 14’; and”; and*

23 (2) *in subsection (k), by striking “2025” and in-*  
 24 *serting “2034”.*

1 **SEC. 90103. APPROPRIATION FOR THE OFFICE OF MANAGE-**  
 2 **MENT AND BUDGET.**

3 *In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is*  
 4 *appropriated to the Office of Management and Budget for*  
 5 *fiscal year 2025, out of any money in the Treasury not*  
 6 *otherwise appropriated, \$100,000,000, to remain available*  
 7 *until September 30, 2029, for purposes of finding budget*  
 8 *and accounting efficiencies in the executive branch.*

9 **TITLE X—COMMITTEE ON THE**  
 10 **JUDICIARY**

11 **Subtitle A—Immigration and Law**  
 12 **Enforcement Matters**

13 **PART I—IMMIGRATION FEES**

14 **SEC. 100001. APPLICABILITY OF THE IMMIGRATION LAWS.**

15 (a) *APPLICABILITY.*—*The fees under this subtitle shall*  
 16 *apply to aliens in the circumstances described in this sub-*  
 17 *title.*

18 (b) *TERMS.*—*The terms used under this subtitle shall*  
 19 *have the meanings given such terms in section 101 of the*  
 20 *Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101).*

21 (c) *REFERENCES TO IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY*  
 22 *ACT.*—*Except as otherwise expressly provided, any ref-*  
 23 *erence in this subtitle to a section or other provision shall*  
 24 *be considered to be to a section or other provision of the*  
 25 *Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.).*

1 **SEC. 100002. ASYLUM FEE.**

2 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*In addition to any other fee author-*  
3 *ized by law, the Secretary of Homeland Security or the At-*  
4 *torney General, as applicable, shall require the payment of*  
5 *a fee, equal to the amount specified in this section, by any*  
6 *alien who files an application for asylum under section 208*  
7 *(8 U.S.C. 1158) at the time such application is filed.*

8 (b) *INITIAL AMOUNT.*—*During fiscal year 2025, the*  
9 *amount specified in this section shall be the greater of—*

10 (1) *\$100; or*

11 (2) *such amount as the Secretary or the Attorney*  
12 *General, as applicable, may establish, by rule.*

13 (c) *ANNUAL ADJUSTMENTS FOR INFLATION.*—*During*  
14 *fiscal year 2026, and during each subsequent fiscal year,*  
15 *the amount specified in this section shall be equal to the*  
16 *sum of—*

17 (1) *the amount of the fee required under this sec-*  
18 *tion for the most recently concluded fiscal year; and*

19 (2) *the product resulting from the multiplication*  
20 *of the amount referred to in paragraph (1) by the*  
21 *percentage (if any) by which the Consumer Price*  
22 *Index for All Urban Consumers for the month of July*  
23 *preceding the date on which such adjustment takes ef-*  
24 *fect exceeds the Consumer Price Index for All Urban*  
25 *Consumers for the same month of the preceding cal-*

1        *endar year, rounded to the next lowest multiple of*  
2        *\$10.*

3        *(d) DISPOSITION OF ASYLUM FEE PROCEEDS.—Dur-*  
4        *ing each fiscal year—*

5                *(1) 50 percent of the fees received from aliens fil-*  
6        *ing applications with the Attorney General—*

7                *(A) shall be credited to the Executive Office*  
8                *for Immigration Review; and*

9                *(B) may be retained and expended without*  
10              *further appropriation;*

11              *(2) 50 percent of fees received from aliens filing*  
12        *applications with the Secretary of Homeland Secu-*  
13        *rity—*

14              *(A) shall be credited to U.S. Citizenship*  
15              *and Immigration Services;*

16              *(B) shall be deposited into the Immigration*  
17              *Examinations Fee Account established under sec-*  
18              *tion 286(m) (8 U.S.C. 1356(m)); and*

19              *(C) may be retained and expended without*  
20              *further appropriation; and*

21              *(3) any amounts received in fees required under*  
22        *this section that were not credited to the Executive*  
23        *Office for Immigration Review pursuant to para-*  
24        *graph (1) or to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration*

1        *Services pursuant to paragraph (2) shall be deposited*  
 2        *into the general fund of the Treasury.*

3        *(e) NO FEE WAIVER.—Fees required to be paid under*  
 4        *this section shall not be waived or reduced.*

5        **SEC. 100003. EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION DOCUMENT**  
 6                                **FEES.**

7        *(a) ASYLUM APPLICANTS.—*

8                    *(1) IN GENERAL.—In addition to any other fee*  
 9        *authorized by law, the Secretary of Homeland Secu-*  
 10       *rity shall require the payment of a fee, equal to the*  
 11       *amount specified in this subsection, by any alien who*  
 12       *files an initial application for employment authoriza-*  
 13       *tion under section 208(d)(2) (8 U.S.C. 1158(d)(2)) at*  
 14       *the time such initial employment authorization appli-*  
 15       *cation is filed.*

16                   *(2) INITIAL AMOUNT.—During fiscal year 2025,*  
 17       *the amount specified in this subsection shall be the*  
 18       *greater of—*

19                                *(A) \$550; or*

20                                *(B) such amount as the Secretary of Home-*  
 21       *land Security may establish, by rule.*

22                   *(3) ANNUAL ADJUSTMENTS FOR INFLATION.—*  
 23       *During fiscal year 2026, and during each subsequent*  
 24       *fiscal year, the amount specified in this section shall*  
 25       *be equal to the sum of—*

1           (A) the amount of the fee required under  
 2           this section for the most recently concluded fiscal  
 3           year; and

4           (B) the product resulting from the mul-  
 5           tiplication of the amount referred to in subpara-  
 6           graph (A) by the percentage (if any) by which  
 7           the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Con-  
 8           sumers for the month of July preceding the date  
 9           on which such adjustment takes effect exceeds the  
 10          Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers  
 11          for the same month of the preceding calendar  
 12          year, rounded to the next lowest multiple of \$10.

13          (4) DISPOSITION OF EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZA-  
 14          TION DOCUMENT FEES.—During each fiscal year—

15               (A) 25 percent of the fees collected pursuant  
 16               to this subsection—

17                       (i) shall be credited to U.S. Citizenship  
 18                       and Immigration Services;

19                       (ii) shall be deposited into the Immi-  
 20                       gration Examinations Fee Account estab-  
 21                       lished under section 286(m) (8 U.S.C.  
 22                       1356(m)); and

23                       (iii) may be retained and expended by  
 24                       U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services  
 25                       without further appropriation, provided

1           that not less than 50 percent is used to de-  
2           tect and prevent immigration benefit fraud;  
3           and

4           (B) any amounts collected pursuant to this  
5           subsection that are not credited to U.S. Citizen-  
6           ship and Immigration Services pursuant to sub-  
7           paragraph (A) shall be deposited into the general  
8           fund of the Treasury.

9           (5) *NO FEE WAIVER.*—Fees required to be paid  
10          under this subsection shall not be waived or reduced.

11         (b) *PAROLEES.*—

12           (1) *IN GENERAL.*—In addition to any other fee  
13          authorized by law, the Secretary of Homeland Secu-  
14          rity shall require the payment of a fee, equal to the  
15          amount specified in this subsection, by any alien pa-  
16          roled into the United States for any initial applica-  
17          tion for employment authorization at the time such  
18          initial application is filed. Each initial employment  
19          authorization shall be valid for a period of 1 year or  
20          for the duration of the alien’s parole, whichever is  
21          shorter.

22           (2) *INITIAL AMOUNT.*—During fiscal year 2025,  
23          the amount specified in this subsection shall be the  
24          greater of—

25           (A) \$550; or



1                   (B) such amount as the Secretary of Home-  
2                   land Security may establish, by rule.

3                   (3) *ANNUAL ADJUSTMENTS FOR INFLATION.*—  
4                   During fiscal year 2026, and during each subsequent  
5                   fiscal year, the amount specified in this subsection  
6                   shall be equal to the sum of—

7                   (A) the amount of the fee required under  
8                   this subsection for the most recently concluded  
9                   fiscal year; and

10                  (B) the product resulting from the mul-  
11                  tiplication of the amount referred to in subpara-  
12                  graph (A) by the percentage (if any) by which  
13                  the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Con-  
14                  sumers for the month of July preceding the date  
15                  on which such adjustment takes effect exceeds the  
16                  Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers  
17                  for the same month of the preceding calendar  
18                  year, rounded to the next lowest multiple of \$10.

19                  (4) *DISPOSITION OF PAROLEE EMPLOYMENT AU-*  
20                  *THORIZATION APPLICATION FEES.*—All of the fees col-  
21                  lected pursuant to this subsection shall be deposited  
22                  into the general fund of the Treasury.

23                  (5) *NO FEE WAIVER.*—Fees required to be paid  
24                  under this subsection shall not be waived or reduced.

25                  (c) *TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS.*—

1           (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*In addition to any other fee*  
 2           *authorized by law, the Secretary of Homeland Secu-*  
 3           *rity shall require the payment of a fee, equal to the*  
 4           *amount specified in this subsection, by any alien who*  
 5           *files an initial application for employment authoriza-*  
 6           *tion under section 244(a)(1)(B) (8 U.S.C.*  
 7           *1254a(a)(1)(B)) at the time such initial application*  
 8           *is filed. Each initial employment authorization shall*  
 9           *be valid for a period of 1 year, or for the duration*  
 10          *of the alien’s temporary protected status, whichever is*  
 11          *shorter.*

12          (2) *INITIAL AMOUNT.*—*During fiscal year 2025,*  
 13          *the amount specified in this subsection shall be the*  
 14          *greater of—*

15                 (A) \$550; or

16                 (B) *such amount as the Secretary of Home-*  
 17                 *land Security may establish, by rule.*

18          (3) *ANNUAL ADJUSTMENTS FOR INFLATION.*—  
 19          *During fiscal year 2026, and during each subsequent*  
 20          *fiscal year, the amount specified in this subsection*  
 21          *shall be equal to the sum of—*

22                 (A) *the amount of the fee required under*  
 23                 *this subsection for the most recently concluded*  
 24                 *fiscal year; and*

1           (B) the product resulting from the mul-  
 2           tiplication of the amount referred to in subpara-  
 3           graph (A) by the percentage (if any) by which  
 4           the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Con-  
 5           sumers for the month of July preceding the date  
 6           on which such adjustment takes effect exceeds the  
 7           Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers  
 8           for the same month of the preceding calendar  
 9           year, rounded to the next lowest multiple of \$10.

10           (4) *DISPOSITION OF EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZA-*  
 11           *TION APPLICATION FEES COLLECTED FROM ALIENS*  
 12           *GRANTED TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS.*—All of  
 13           the fees collected pursuant to this subsection shall be  
 14           deposited into the general fund of the Treasury.

15           (5) *NO FEE WAIVER.*—Fees required to be paid  
 16           under this subsection shall not be waived or reduced.

17 **SEC. 100004. IMMIGRATION PAROLE FEE.**

18           (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Except as provided under sub-  
 19           section (b), the Secretary of Homeland Security shall re-  
 20           quire the payment of a fee, equal to the amount specified  
 21           in this section and in addition to any other fee authorized  
 22           by law, by any alien who is paroled into the United States.

23           (b) *EXCEPTIONS.*—An alien shall not be subject to the  
 24           fee otherwise required under subsection (a) if the alien es-  
 25           tablishes, to the satisfaction of the Secretary of Homeland

1 *Security, on an individual, case-by-case basis, that the*  
2 *alien is being paroled because—*

3           (1)(A) *the alien has a medical emergency; and*

4           (B)(i) *the alien cannot obtain necessary treat-*  
5 *ment in the foreign state in which the alien is resid-*  
6 *ing; or*

7           (ii) *the medical emergency is life-threatening*  
8 *and there is insufficient time for the alien to be ad-*  
9 *mitted to the United States through the normal visa*  
10 *process;*

11           (2)(A) *the alien is the parent or legal guardian*  
12 *of an alien described in paragraph (1); and*

13           (B) *the alien described in paragraph (1) is a*  
14 *minor;*

15           (3)(A) *the alien is needed in the United States*  
16 *to donate an organ or other tissue for transplant; and*

17           (B) *there is insufficient time for the alien to be*  
18 *admitted to the United States through the normal*  
19 *visa process;*

20           (4)(A) *the alien has a close family member in*  
21 *the United States whose death is imminent; and*

22           (B) *the alien could not arrive in the United*  
23 *States in time to see such family member alive if the*  
24 *alien were to be admitted to the United States*  
25 *through the normal visa process;*

1           (5)(A) *the alien is seeking to attend the funeral*  
 2           *of a close family member; and*

3           (B) *the alien could not arrive in the United*  
 4           *States in time to attend such funeral if the alien were*  
 5           *to be admitted to the United States through the nor-*  
 6           *mal visa process;*

7           (6) *the alien is an adopted child—*

8                 (A) *who has an urgent medical condition;*

9                 (B) *who is in the legal custody of the peti-*  
 10            *tioner for a final adoption-related visa; and*

11                (C) *whose medical treatment is required be-*  
 12            *fore the expected award of a final adoption-re-*  
 13            *lated visa;*

14           (7) *the alien—*

15                 (A) *is a lawful applicant for adjustment of*  
 16            *status under section 245 (8 U.S.C. 1255); and*

17                 (B) *is returning to the United States after*  
 18            *temporary travel abroad;*

19           (8) *the alien—*

20                 (A) *has been returned to a contiguous coun-*  
 21            *try pursuant to section 235(b)(2)(C) (8 U.S.C.*  
 22            *1225(b)(2)(C)); and*

23                 (B) *is being paroled into the United States*  
 24            *to allow the alien to attend the alien's immigra-*  
 25            *tion hearing;*

1           (9) *the alien has been granted the status of*  
 2           *Cuban and Haitian entrant (as defined in section*  
 3           *501(e) of the Refugee Education Assistance Act of*  
 4           *1980 (Public Law 96-422; 8 U.S.C. 1522 note); or*

5           (10) *the Secretary of Homeland Security deter-*  
 6           *mines that a significant public benefit has resulted or*  
 7           *will result from the parole of an alien—*

8                   (A) *who has assisted or will assist the*  
 9                   *United States Government in a law enforcement*  
 10                  *matter;*

11                  (B) *whose presence is required by the*  
 12                  *United States Government in furtherance of such*  
 13                  *law enforcement matter; and*

14                  (C)(i) *who is inadmissible or does not sat-*  
 15                  *isfy the eligibility requirements for admission as*  
 16                  *a nonimmigrant; or*

17                  (ii) *for which there is insufficient time for*  
 18                  *the alien to be admitted to the United States*  
 19                  *through the normal visa process.*

20           (c) *INITIAL AMOUNT.—For fiscal year 2025, the*  
 21           *amount specified in this section shall be the greater of—*

22                   (1) *\$1,000; or*

23                   (2) *such amount as the Secretary of Homeland*  
 24           *Security may establish, by rule.*

1       (d) *ANNUAL ADJUSTMENTS FOR INFLATION.*—During  
 2 *fiscal year 2026, and during each subsequent fiscal year,*  
 3 *the amount specified in this section shall be equal to the*  
 4 *sum of—*

5           (1) *the amount of the fee required under this sub-*  
 6 *section for the most recently concluded fiscal year;*  
 7 *and*

8           (2) *the product resulting from the multiplication*  
 9 *of the amount referred to in paragraph (1) by the*  
 10 *percentage (if any) by which the Consumer Price*  
 11 *Index for All Urban Consumers for the month of July*  
 12 *preceding the date on which such adjustment takes ef-*  
 13 *fect exceeds the Consumer Price Index for All Urban*  
 14 *Consumers for the same month of the preceding cal-*  
 15 *endar year, rounded to the next lowest multiple of*  
 16 *\$10.*

17       (e) *DISPOSITION OF FEES COLLECTED FROM ALIENS*  
 18 *GRANTED PAROLE.*—All of the fees collected pursuant to  
 19 *this section shall be deposited into the general fund of the*  
 20 *Treasury.*

21       (f) *NO FEE WAIVER.*—Except as provided in sub-  
 22 *section (b), fees required to be paid under this section shall*  
 23 *not be waived or reduced.*