

117TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 7880

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 27, 2022

Mr. CARBAJAL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Degrees Not Debt Act
5 of 2022”.

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

3 (a) AWARD YEAR 2022–2023.—Section 401(b)(7)(C)
 4 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
 5 1070a(b)(7)(C)) is amended—

6 (1) in clause (i)(I), by striking “clause (iv)(II)”
 7 and inserting “clause (v)(II)”;

8 (2) in clause (ii)(I), by striking “clause (iv)(II)”
 9 and inserting “clause (v)(II)”;

10 (3) by amending clause (iii) to read as follows:

11 “(iii) AWARD YEARS 2018–2019
 12 THROUGH 2021–2022.—For award years
 13 2018–2019 through 2021–2022, the
 14 amount determined under this subpara-
 15 graph for purposes of subparagraph
 16 (B)(iii) shall be equal to the amount deter-
 17 mined under clause (ii) for award year
 18 2017–2018.”;

19 (4) by redesignating clause (iv) as clause (v);
 20 and

21 (5) by inserting after clause (iii) (as amended
 22 by this subsection) the following:

23 “(iv) AWARD YEAR 2022–2023.—For
 24 award year 2022–2023, the amount deter-
 25 mined under this subparagraph for pur-

poses of subparagraph (B)(iii) shall be
equal to—

“(I) \$13,800; reduced by

“(II) the maximum Federal Pell

Grant for which a student was eligible

for the preceding award year, as spec-

ified in the last enacted appropriation

Act applicable to that year; and

“(III) rounded to the nearest

\$5.”.

(b) AWARD YEAR 2023–2024 AND SUBSEQUENT

AWARD YEARS.—

(1) AMENDMENT TO AWARD AMOUNT.—Section

401(b)(5)(A)(i) of the Higher Education Act of

1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a(b)(5)(A)(i)), as amended by

section 703 of the FAFSA Simplification Act (title

VII of division FF of Public Law 116–260), is

amended to read as follows:

“(i) \$13,800 reduced by the amount

specified as the maximum Federal Pell

Grant in the last enacted appropriation

Act applicable to that award year, except

that for each award year subsequent to

award year 2023–2024, this clause shall be

applied by substituting ‘the amount that is

1 equal to \$13,800, increased by a percent-
2 age equal to the annual adjustment per-
3 centage for the award year for which the
4 amount under this subparagraph is being
5 determined, then' for '\$13,800'; and”.

6 (2) DEFINITION.—Section 401(a)(2) of the
7 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
8 1070a(a)(2)), as amended by section 703 of the
9 FAFSA Simplification Act (title VII of division FF
10 of Public Law 116–260), is amended—

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

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

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

16 “(G) the term ‘annual adjustment percent-
17 age’ as applied to an award year, is equal to the
18 estimated percentage change in the Consumer
19 Price Index (as determined by the Secretary,
20 using the definition in section 478(f)) for the
21 most recent calendar year ending prior to the
22 beginning of that award year.”.

23 (3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made
24 by this subsection shall take effect as if included in
25 section 703 of the FAFSA Simplification Act (title

1 VII of division FF of Public Law 116–260) and in
2 accordance with section 701(b) of such Act.

3 **SEC. 3. REPEAL OF INCREASED ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM**
4 **TAX EXEMPTION AMOUNT FOR INDIVIDUALS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 55(d) of the Internal Rev-
6 enue Code of 1986 is amended by striking paragraph (4).

7 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
8 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
9 December 31, 2021.

10 **SEC. 4. REPEAL OF INCREASED ESTATE AND GIFT TAX EX-**
11 **EMPTION.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2010(c)(3)(C) of the In-
13 ternal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “Jan-
14 uary 1, 2026” and inserting “the date of the enactment
15 of the Degrees Not Debt Act of 2022”.

16 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
17 this section shall apply to estates of decedents dying and
18 gifts made after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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