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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Pell Grant Hurricane
3 and Disaster Relief Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. WAIVERS OF PELL GRANT REPAYMENT BY STU-**
5 **DENTS AFFECTED BY DISASTERS.**

6 Section 484B(b)(2) of the Higher Education Act of
7 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1091b(b)(2)) is amended by adding at
8 the end the following new subparagraph:

9 “(D) WAIVERS OF PELL GRANT REPAY-
10 MENT BY STUDENTS AFFECTED BY DISAS-
11 TERS.—The Secretary may waive the amounts
12 that students are required to return under this
13 section with respect to Pell grants if the with-
14 drawals on which the returns are based are
15 withdrawals—

16 “(i) by students—

17 “(I) who were residing in, em-
18 ployed in, or attending an institution
19 of higher education that is located in
20 an area that is designated by the
21 President to warrant major disaster
22 assistance under section 401 of the
23 Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief
24 and Emergency Assistance Act (42
25 U.S.C. 5170); and

1 “(II) whose attendance was inter-
2 rupted because of the impact of the
3 disaster on the student or the institu-
4 tion; and

5 “(ii) that end within the academic
6 year during which the designation occurred
7 or during the next succeeding academic
8 year.”.

Passed the House of Representatives September 7,
2005.

Attest:

Clerk.