

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 3169

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 30, 2005

Mr. KELLER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Education and the Workforce

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## A BILL

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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,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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

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

3 Section 484B(b)(2) of the Higher Education Act of  
4 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1091b(b)(2)) is amended by adding at  
5 the end the following new subparagraph:

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

13 “(i) by students—

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

23 “(II) whose attendance was inter-  
24 rupted because of the impact of the  
25 disaster on the student or the institu-  
26 tion; and

1                   “(ii) that end within the academic  
2                   year during which the designation occurred  
3                   or during the next succeeding academic  
4                   year.”.

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