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H. R. 3169

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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AN ACT

To provide the Secretary of Education with waiver authority for students who are eligible for Pell Grants who are adversely affected by a natural disaster.

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 FEDERAL PELL GRANT REPAYMENT**
5 **BY STUDENTS 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 FEDERAL PELL GRANT
10 REPAYMENT BY STUDENTS AFFECTED BY DIS-
11 ASTERS.—The Secretary may waive the
12 amounts that students are required to return
13 under this section with respect to Federal Pell
14 Grants if the withdrawals on which the returns
15 are based are withdrawals by students—

16 “(i) who were residing in, employed
17 in, or attending an institution of higher
18 education that is located in an area in
19 which the President has declared that a
20 major disaster exists, in accordance with
21 section 401 of the Robert T. Stafford Dis-
22 aster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act
23 (42 U.S.C. 5170);

24 “(ii) whose attendance was inter-
25 rupted because of the impact of the dis-
26 aster on the student or the institution; and

1 “(iii) whose withdrawal ended within
2 the academic year during which the des-
3 ignation occurred or during the next suc-
4 ceeding academic year.”.

Passed the House of Representatives September 7,
2005.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,
Clerk.