

107TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 2482

To repeal the tuition-sensitivity trigger in the Pell Grant program and to expand qualifying expenses and income eligibility for the Hope Scholarship and Lifetime Learning Credits.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 12, 2001

Mr. SCHIFF (for himself, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. FILNER, Ms. SANCHEZ, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. FRANK, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. HONDA, and Ms. WATERS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, 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 repeal the tuition-sensitivity trigger in the Pell Grant program and to expand qualifying expenses and income eligibility for the Hope Scholarship and Lifetime Learning Credits.

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 “Access to Higher Edu-
5 cation Act of 2001”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPEAL OF TUITION-SENSITIVITY TRIGGER IN PELL**
2 **GRANT PROGRAM.**

3 (a) REPEAL.—Paragraph (3) of section 401(b) of the
4 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a(b)(3))
5 is repealed.

6 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection (a) shall apply to
7 the award of Federal Pell Grants for periods of enrollment
8 beginning on or after July 1, 2002.

9 **SEC. 3. EXPANSION OF QUALIFYING EXPENSES UNDER**
10 **HOPE SCHOLARSHIP AND LIFETIME LEARN-**
11 **ING CREDITS.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 25A of the Internal Rev-
13 enue Code of 1986 (relating to hope and lifetime learning
14 credits) is amended by striking “qualified tuition and re-
15 lated expenses” each place it appears and inserting “quali-
16 fied higher education expenses”.

17 (b) QUALIFIED HIGHER EDUCATION EXPENSES.—So
18 much of paragraph (1) of section 25A(f) of such Code as
19 precedes subparagraph (B) is amended to read as follows:

20 “(1) QUALIFIED HIGHER EDUCATION EX-
21 PENSES.—

22 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘qualified
23 higher education expenses’ means the cost of
24 attendance (as defined in section 472 of the
25 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.

1 1087*ll*), as in effect on the date of the enact-
2 ment of this subparagraph) of—

3 “(i) the taxpayer,

4 “(ii) the taxpayer’s spouse, or

5 “(iii) any dependent of the taxpayer

6 with respect to whom the taxpayer is al-

7 lowed a deduction under section 151,

8 at an eligible educational institution for courses

9 of instruction of such individual at such institu-

10 tion.”.

11 (c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
12 this section shall apply to expenses paid after December
13 31, 2001 (in taxable years ending after such date), for
14 education furnished in academic periods beginning after
15 such date.

16 **SEC. 4. INCREASE IN FAMILY INCOME ELIGIBILITY FOR**
17 **HOPE SCHOLARSHIP AND LIFETIME LEARN-**
18 **ING CREDITS.**

19 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Clause (ii) of section
20 25A(d)(2)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is
21 amended by striking “\$40,000 (\$80,000” and inserting
22 “\$50,000 (\$100,000”.

23 (b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**—Section
24 25A(h)(2)(A) of such Code is amended—

1 (1) by striking “2001” and inserting “2002”,
2 and

3 (2) by striking “\$40,000 and \$80,000” and in-
4 serting “\$50,000 and \$100,000”.

5 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
6 this section shall apply to expenses paid after December
7 31, 2001 (in taxable years ending after such date), for
8 education furnished in academic periods beginning after
9 such date.

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