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S. 3170

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to assist institutions of higher education to help at-risk students to stay in school and complete their 4-year postsecondary academic programs by helping those institutions to provide summer programs and grant aid for such students, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 5 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 22), 2000

Mr. DODD (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, and Mr. KENNEDY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 “College Completion
5 Challenge Grant Act of 2000”.

1 **SEC. 2. REFERENCES.**

2 Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Act,
 3 whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed
 4 in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or
 5 other provision, the reference shall be considered to be
 6 made to a section or other provision of the Higher Edu-
 7 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.).

8 **SEC. 3. SUMMER PROGRAMS AND SUPPLEMENTARY**
 9 **GRANTS.**

10 (a) DURATION OF GRANTS.—The matter preceding
 11 subparagraph (A) of section 402A(b)(2) (20 U.S.C.
 12 1070a–11(b)(2)) is amended by inserting “, except grants
 13 made under section 402D(d),” before “shall”.

14 (b) MINIMUM GRANTS.—Section 402A(b)(3)(A) (20
 15 U.S.C. 1070a–11(b)(3)(A)) is amended by striking “sec-
 16 tions 402D” and inserting “sections 402D(a)”.

17 (c) COLLEGE COMPLETION CHALLENGE GRANTS.—
 18 Section 402D (20 U.S.C. 1070a–14) is amended by add-
 19 ing at the end the following:

20 “(d) COLLEGE COMPLETION CHALLENGE GRANTS.—

21 “(1) RESERVATION.—For any fiscal year, the
 22 Secretary may reserve not more than 20 percent of
 23 the funds made available under this section for Col-
 24 lege Completion Challenge Grants in accordance
 25 with this subsection.

1 “(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—The following enti-
2 ties may apply for a College Completion Challenge
3 Grant:

4 “(A) A recipient of a grant under sub-
5 section (a).

6 “(B) Any entity described in section
7 402A(b)(1) that demonstrates, to the satisfac-
8 tion of the Secretary, that it is providing serv-
9 ices described in subsection (a).

10 “(C) Subject to paragraph (5), any entity
11 that is seeking a grant under subsection (a).

12 “(3) USES OF FUNDS; REQUIREMENTS.—(A)
13 Subject to paragraph (4)(B), a recipient of a grant
14 under this subsection may use those funds to provide
15 grant aid under subparagraph (B) or a summer pro-
16 gram under subparagraph (C).

17 “(B)(i) Except as provided in subparagraphs
18 (C)(i) and (D), a recipient of a grant under this sub-
19 section may use those funds to provide grants to
20 students who are in their first 2 years of postsec-
21 ondary education and who are receiving Federal Pell
22 Grants under subpart 1.

23 “(ii)(I) The Secretary may, by regulation, es-
24 tablish minimum award levels for grants to students
25 under clause (i), taking into account such factors as

1 the different costs of attendance associated with
2 public and private institutions.

3 “(II) If the Secretary does not establish min-
4 imum award levels under subclause (I), or if an in-
5 stitution wishes to provide grants under clause (i) in
6 an amount less than the minimum set by the Sec-
7 retary, the institution shall demonstrate in its appli-
8 cation, to the satisfaction of the Secretary, that the
9 size of the grants it will provide to students is ap-
10 propriate and likely to have a significant effect on
11 student retention at that institution.

12 “(iii) A grant provided to a student under
13 clause (i) shall not be considered in determining that
14 student’s need for grant or work assistance under
15 this title, except that in no case shall the total
16 amount of student financial assistance awarded to a
17 student under this title exceed that student’s cost of
18 attendance, as defined in section 472.

19 “(C)(i) A recipient of a grant under this sub-
20 section may use those funds to establish an intensive
21 summer program for incoming first-year students
22 (or students entering their second or third year of
23 postsecondary education if the institution can dem-
24 onstrate, to the satisfaction of the Secretary, that it
25 is addressing the needs of first-year students and

1 that a summer program may help retention of
2 second- or third-year students at risk of dropping
3 out of school).

4 “(ii) A summer program under this subpara-
5 graph shall—

6 “(I) be no shorter than 6 weeks;

7 “(II) include room, board, and the cost of
8 the program, at no cost to the student; and

9 “(III) include a stipend.

10 “(D) A recipient of funds under this subsection
11 may serve students who have completed their first 2
12 years of postsecondary education if it demonstrates
13 in its application, to the satisfaction of the Sec-
14 retary, that—

15 “(i) these students are at high risk of
16 dropping out of school; and

17 “(ii) it will first meet the needs of all its
18 eligible first- and second-year students for serv-
19 ices under this subsection.

20 “(4) APPLICATIONS.—(A) Each eligible appli-
21 cant that desires a grant under this subsection shall
22 submit to the Secretary an application for that grant
23 at such time and containing such information as the
24 Secretary may prescribe.

1 “(B) Each eligible applicant that submits to the
2 Secretary an application that does not propose to
3 use funds under this subsection for both grants
4 under paragraph (3)(B) and a summer program
5 under paragraph (3)(C) shall demonstrate, to the
6 satisfaction of the Secretary, how it will otherwise
7 provide both grants under paragraph (3)(B) and a
8 summer program under paragraph (3)(C).

9 “(C) Each eligible applicant for a grant under
10 this subsection whose grant under subsection (a) will
11 end prior to its grant under this subsection shall de-
12 scribe, in its application for a grant under this sub-
13 section, how it will continue to carry out the services
14 and activities it carried out under subsection (a)
15 during the duration of its grant under subsection
16 (a).

17 “(D) Each eligible applicant for a grant under
18 this subsection that is not receiving funds under
19 subsection (a) shall describe in its application, to the
20 satisfaction of the Secretary, the services described
21 under subsection (a) that it is providing using funds
22 other than funds provided under subsection (a).

23 “(5) SPECIAL RULE.— Any eligible applicant
24 that is applying for grants under both subsection (a)
25 and this subsection that does not provide the serv-

1 ices described under subsection (a) at the time of
2 application through funding sources other than sub-
3 section (a) may not receive a grant under this sub-
4 section unless it also receives a grant under sub-
5 section (a).

6 “(6) MATCHING FUNDS.—(A) Except as pro-
7 vided in subparagraph (B), a recipient of a grant
8 under this subsection shall provide, from non-Fed-
9 eral funds, not less than 33 percent of the total cost,
10 in cash, of its program under this subsection.

11 “(B) Subparagraph (A) shall not apply to any
12 institution of higher education that is eligible to re-
13 ceive funds under part A or B of title III, or under
14 title V.

15 “(7) DURATION OF GRANTS.—Grants under
16 this subsection shall be awarded for a period of 4
17 years.”.

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