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To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend Federal Pell Grant eligibility to certain short-term workforce programs.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to extend Federal Pell Grant eligibility to certain short-term workforce programs.

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 “Jobs to Compete Act”.

5       **SEC. 2. WORKFORCE PELL GRANTS.**

6       Section 401 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20  
7 U.S.C. 1070a), as amended by section 703 of the FAFSA  
8 Simplification Act (title VII of division FF of Public Law

1 116–260), is further amended by adding at the end the  
2 following:

3 “(k) WORKFORCE PELL GRANTS PROGRAM.—

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—For award year 2025–2026  
5 and each succeeding award year, the Secretary shall  
6 award grants (referred to as a ‘Workforce Pell  
7 Grants’) to eligible students under paragraph (2) in  
8 accordance with this subsection.

9 “(2) ELIGIBLE STUDENTS.—To be eligible to  
10 receive a Workforce Pell Grant under this subsection  
11 for any period of enrollment, a student shall meet  
12 the eligibility requirements for a Federal Pell Grant  
13 under this section, except that the student—

14 “(A) notwithstanding the eligibility re-  
15 quirements with respect to the program of  
16 study, shall be enrolled, or accepted for enroll-  
17 ment, in an eligible workforce program de-  
18 scribed in section 481(b)(3), offered by an eligi-  
19 ble institution of higher education (as defined  
20 in section 481(b)(3)(F)); and

21 “(B) notwithstanding the eligibility re-  
22 quirements with respect to the first under-  
23 graduate baccalaureate course of study under  
24 subsection (d)(1) may have completed such first  
25 undergraduate baccalaureate course of study,

1 but shall not have received a postbaccalaureate  
2 degree.

3 “(3) TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AWARDS.—

4 The Secretary shall award Workforce Pell Grants  
5 under this subsection in the same manner and with  
6 the same terms and conditions as the Secretary  
7 awards Federal Pell Grants under subsection (b), ex-  
8 cept that a student who is eligible for a grant equal  
9 to less than the amount of the minimum Federal  
10 Pell Grant because the eligible workforce program in  
11 which the student is enrolled or accepted for enroll-  
12 ment is less than an academic year (in hours of in-  
13 struction or weeks of duration) may still be eligible  
14 for a Workforce Pell Grant.

15 “(4) PREVENTION OF DOUBLE BENEFITS.—No  
16 eligible student described in paragraph (2) may, for  
17 the same period of enrollment, receive both a grant  
18 under this subsection and a Federal Pell Grant  
19 under subsection (b) or (c).

20 “(5) INCLUSION IN TOTAL ELIGIBILITY PE-  
21 RIOD.—Any period during which a student receives  
22 a Workforce Federal Pell Grant under this sub-  
23 section shall be included in calculating the student’s  
24 period of eligibility for Federal Pell Grants under  
25 subsection (d), and the eligibility requirements re-



1 credit hours) offered during a minimum of  
2 8 weeks, but less than 15 weeks;

3 “(ii) in a case in which the State in  
4 which the program is located, or a Federal  
5 agency, has established the minimum num-  
6 ber of clock hours (or an equivalent num-  
7 ber of credit hours) required for the train-  
8 ing provided by such program, does not ex-  
9 ceed by more than 50 percent such min-  
10 imum number of clock hours (or credit  
11 hours);

12 “(iii) is a career and technical edu-  
13 cation program at an eligible institution of  
14 higher education;

15 “(iv) provides an education aligned  
16 with the requirements of high-skill, high-  
17 wage, or in-demand industry sectors or oc-  
18 cupations (including in nontraditional  
19 fields) in the State or local area in which  
20 the program is provided, as determined by  
21 an accrediting agency or association recog-  
22 nized by the Secretary pursuant to section  
23 496(a)(4)(C), after validation of such de-  
24 termination by—

1           “(I) the State board or local  
2 board that serves such State or local  
3 area;

4           “(II) the eligible agency for such  
5 State, on the basis of the sectors or  
6 occupations in such State that such  
7 eligible agency identifies under section  
8 122(d)(13)(C) of the Carl D. Perkins  
9 Career and Technical Education Act  
10 of 2006;

11           “(III) the eligible agency for such  
12 State, on the basis of the results of  
13 the comprehensive needs assessment  
14 submitted to the agency under section  
15 134(b)(1) of the Carl D. Perkins Ca-  
16 reer and Technical Education Act of  
17 2006 with respect to the local area in  
18 which the program is provided; or

19           “(IV) an industry or sector part-  
20 nership convened by or acting in part-  
21 nership with the State board or local  
22 board that serves such State or local  
23 area;

24           “(v) is a program—

1           “(I) provided through an eligible  
2           training provider, as described under  
3           section 122(d) of the Workforce Inno-  
4           vation and Opportunity Act; and

5           “(II) subject to the reporting re-  
6           quirements of section 116(d)(4) of the  
7           Workforce Innovation and Oppor-  
8           tunity Act, or would be subject to  
9           such requirements except for a waiver  
10          issued to a State under section 189(i)  
11          of the Workforce Innovation and Op-  
12          portunity Act;

13          “(vi) has been determined by the eligi-  
14          ble institution of higher education pro-  
15          viding such program (after validation of  
16          that determination by at least one of the  
17          entities described in subclauses (I) through  
18          (IV) of clause (iv)) to provide academic  
19          content, an amount of instructional time,  
20          competencies, and a recognized postsec-  
21          ondary credential that are sufficient to—

22          “(I) meet the hiring requirements  
23          of potential employers in the sectors  
24          or occupations described in clause  
25          (iv);

1                   “(II) satisfy any applicable edu-  
2                   cational prerequisite requirement for  
3                   professional licensure or certification  
4                   in the State or States in which the  
5                   program is offered, so that a student  
6                   who completes the program and seeks  
7                   employment is qualified to practice or  
8                   find employment in such sectors or oc-  
9                   cupations that the program prepares  
10                  students to enter, including, if appli-  
11                  cable, being qualified to take any rel-  
12                  evant licensure or certification exami-  
13                  nations that may be needed to prac-  
14                  tice such employment;

15                  “(vii) subject to subparagraph (E),  
16                  provides a student, upon completion of the  
17                  program, with a recognized postsecondary  
18                  credential that is stackable and portable  
19                  across multiple employers and geographical  
20                  areas;

21                  “(viii) not later than 18 months after  
22                  the date the program has been approved as  
23                  an eligible workforce program under this  
24                  paragraph, has demonstrated that students  
25                  who complete the program receive a me-

1           dian increase of 20 percent of median  
2           earnings as compared to median earnings  
3           of such students prior to enrolling in such  
4           program, in accordance with subparagraph  
5           (B);

6           “(ix) not later than 18 months after  
7           the date the program has been approved as  
8           an eligible workforce program under this  
9           paragraph, has demonstrated (on the basis  
10          of the data collected under section 131(i)  
11          and such other information as the Sec-  
12          retary may require) that the median earn-  
13          ings of students who complete such pro-  
14          gram, as calculated in accordance with  
15          subparagraph (B)(i)(II), exceed the median  
16          earnings for adults who are at least 25  
17          years old, but younger than 35 years old,  
18          with only high school diploma (or a recog-  
19          nized equivalent) in the State in which the  
20          program is located, based on data from the  
21          Bureau of the Census and approved by the  
22          Secretary;

23          “(x) publishes prominently on the  
24          website of the institution, and provides a  
25          written disclosure to each prospective stu-

1           dent prior to entering into an enrollment  
2           agreement for such program (which each  
3           such student shall confirm receiving  
4           through a written affirmation prior to en-  
5           tering such enrollment agreement) con-  
6           taining, at a minimum, the following infor-  
7           mation calculated, as applicable, in accord-  
8           ance with section 131(i), including—

9                   “(I) the required tuition and fees  
10                   of the program;

11                   “(II) the difference between re-  
12                   quired tuition and fees described in  
13                   subclause (I) and any grant aid  
14                   (which does not need to be repaid)  
15                   provided to the student;

16                   “(III) the completion rate of the  
17                   program;

18                   “(IV) the employment rates of  
19                   students who complete the program,  
20                   measured at approximately 6 months  
21                   and 1 year, respectively, after comple-  
22                   tion of the program;

23                   “(V) median earnings of students  
24                   who complete the program, as cal-

1           culated in accordance with subpara-  
2           graph (B)(i)(II));

3           “(VI) median earnings of stu-  
4           dents who do not complete the pro-  
5           gram, calculated based on earnings  
6           approximately 6 months after ceasing  
7           enrollment in the program;

8           “(VII) the ratio of the amount  
9           that is the difference between required  
10          tuition and fees and any grant aid  
11          provided to the student described in  
12          subclause (II) to the median earnings  
13          of students described in subclause  
14          (V);

15          “(VIII) an explanation, in clear  
16          and plain language that shall be speci-  
17          fied by the Secretary, of the ratio de-  
18          scribed in subclause (VII); and

19          “(IX) in the case of a program  
20          that prepares students for a profes-  
21          sional licensure or certification exam-  
22          ination, the share of such students  
23          who pass such examinations;

24          “(xi) prepares students to pursue one  
25          or more related certificate or degree pro-

1           grams at one or more institutions of higher  
2           education (which may include the eligible  
3           institution of higher education providing  
4           the eligible workforce program), includ-  
5           ing—

6                   “(I) by ensuring the acceptability  
7                   of the credits received under the work-  
8                   force program toward meeting such  
9                   certificate or degree program require-  
10                  ments (such as through an articula-  
11                  tion agreement as defined in section  
12                  486A); and

13                   “(II) subject to subparagraph  
14                   (B), by ensuring that a student who  
15                   completes noncredit coursework in the  
16                   workforce program, upon completion  
17                   of the workforce program and enroll-  
18                   ment in such a related certificate or  
19                   degree program, will receive academic  
20                   credit for such noncredit coursework  
21                   that will be accepted toward meeting  
22                   such certificate or degree program re-  
23                   quirements;

24                   “(xii) is not offered exclusively  
25                  through distance education or a cor-

1           response course, except as determined  
2           by the Secretary to be necessary, on a tem-  
3           porary basis, in connection with a—

4                   “(I) major disaster or emergency  
5                   declared by the President under sec-  
6                   tion 401 or 501 of the Robert T. Staf-  
7                   ford Disaster Relief and Emergency  
8                   Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5170 and  
9                   5191); or

10                   “(II) national emergency de-  
11                   clared by the President under section  
12                   201 of the National Emergencies Act  
13                   (50 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.);

14                   “(xiii) includes counseling for students  
15           to—

16                   “(I) support each such student in  
17                   achieving the student’s education and  
18                   career goals; and

19                   “(II) ensure that each such stu-  
20                   dent receives information on—

21                           “(aa) the sectors or occupa-  
22                           tions described in clause (iv) for  
23                           which the eligible workforce pro-  
24                           gram provides training (including  
25                           the median earnings of students

1 who have completed the program,  
2 as calculated in accordance with  
3 subparagraph (B)(i)(II), and are  
4 employed in such sectors or occu-  
5 pations);

6 “(bb) the related certificate  
7 or degree programs described in  
8 clause (xi) for which the work-  
9 force program provides prepara-  
10 tion; and

11 “(cc) other sources of finan-  
12 cial aid or other assistance for  
13 any component of the student’s  
14 cost of attendance (as defined in  
15 section 472);

16 “(xiv) meets requirements that are  
17 applicable to a program of training to pre-  
18 pare students for gainful employment in a  
19 recognized occupation;

20 “(xv) has been offered by an institu-  
21 tion for not less than 1 year prior to a de-  
22 termination by such agency or association  
23 under this paragraph;

24 “(xvi) has a verified completion rate  
25 of at least 70 percent, calculated so as to

1 ensure that a student shall be counted as  
2 a completion if the student completes the  
3 program within 150 percent of the normal  
4 time for completion;

5 “(xvii) has a verified a employment  
6 placement rate of at least 70 percent, as  
7 determined in accordance with the regula-  
8 tions of the Secretary;

9 “(xviii) submits to the Secretary, for  
10 each institutional fiscal year, disclosures on  
11 the expenditures of the program; and

12 “(xix) in the case of a program that  
13 has been approved for not less than 4  
14 years as an eligible workforce program  
15 under this paragraph, for each of the 3  
16 most recent fiscal years for which the insti-  
17 tution submits the disclosures under clause  
18 (xviii), the amount expended by the pro-  
19 gram for educational spending is greater  
20 than or equal to an amount equal to  $\frac{1}{2}$  of  
21 the amount of revenue for such program  
22 derived from tuition and fees for such pro-  
23 gram.

24 “(B) MEDIAN EARNINGS INCREASE RE-  
25 QUIREMENT.—

1           “(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clauses  
2           (ii) and (iii), the Secretary shall, using the  
3           data collected under section 131(i) and  
4           such other information as the Secretary  
5           may require, determine whether a work-  
6           force program meets the requirements of  
7           subparagraph (A)(viii) with respect to  
8           whether the students who complete the  
9           program receive a median increase of 20  
10          percent of such students’ median earnings.  
11          For the purposes of this paragraph, the  
12          Secretary shall determine such percentage  
13          increase by calculating the difference be-  
14          tween—

15                 “(I) the median earnings of stu-  
16                 dents who enroll in such program, cal-  
17                 culated based on earnings approxi-  
18                 mately 6 months prior to enrollment;  
19                 and

20                 “(II) the median earnings of stu-  
21                 dents who complete such program,  
22                 calculated based on earnings approxi-  
23                 mately 6 months after completing  
24                 such program, subject to clause (ii).

1           “(ii) EXCLUSION.—An eligible institu-  
2           tion of higher education offering a pro-  
3           gram has been approved as an eligible  
4           workforce program under this paragraph  
5           may exclude from the calculation under  
6           clause (i)(II) any students who are enrolled  
7           in any eligible program (as such term is  
8           defined in this subsection) at the time that  
9           earnings are evaluated under clause (i)(II).

10           “(iii) DATE OF EFFECT.—The re-  
11           quirement under this paragraph shall take  
12           effect beginning on the date that is 18  
13           months after the date the program has  
14           been approved as an eligible workforce pro-  
15           gram under this paragraph.

16           “(C) APPEALS PROCESS.—The Secretary  
17           shall establish an appeals process to permit any  
18           program has been approved as an eligible work-  
19           force program under this paragraph to submit  
20           alternate earnings data to comply with subpara-  
21           graph (A)(ix) or subparagraph (B), provided  
22           that such data are statistically rigorous, accu-  
23           rate, comparable, and representative of students  
24           who receive a Workforce Pell Grant, and enroll  
25           in and complete the program.

1 “(D) APPROVAL BY THE SECRETARY.—

2 “(i) INITIAL ELIGIBILITY.—

3 “(I) IN GENERAL.—In the case  
4 of a program that is seeking to estab-  
5 lish initial eligibility as an eligible  
6 workforce program under this para-  
7 graph, the Secretary shall make a de-  
8 termination whether the program  
9 meets the requirements of this para-  
10 graph not more than 120 days after  
11 the date on which such program is  
12 submitted for consideration as an eli-  
13 gible workforce program. If the Sec-  
14 retary determines the program meets  
15 the requirements of this paragraph,  
16 the Secretary shall grant an initial pe-  
17 riod of approval of 2 years.

18 “(II) ADDITIONAL STATE ASSUR-  
19 ANCE.—The Secretary shall not deter-  
20 mine that a program is an eligible  
21 workforce program in accordance with  
22 subclause (I) unless the Secretary re-  
23 ceives a certification from the State in  
24 which the eligible workforce program  
25 is provided, containing an assurance

1           that the program meets the require-  
2           ments of clauses (iv) through(vi) of  
3           subparagraph (A).

4           “(ii) RENEWAL OF APPROVAL BY THE  
5           SECRETARY.—An eligible workforce pro-  
6           gram that desires to continue eligibility as  
7           an eligible workforce program after the pe-  
8           riod of initial approval described in clause  
9           (i), or the subsequent period described in  
10          this clause, shall submit a renewal applica-  
11          tion to the Secretary (with such informa-  
12          tion as the Secretary may require), not  
13          more than 270 days and not less than 180  
14          days before the end of the previous ap-  
15          proval period. If the Secretary determines  
16          the program meets such requirements, the  
17          Secretary shall grant another period of ap-  
18          proval for 3 years.

19          “(iii) REVOCATION OF APPROVAL BY  
20          THE SECRETARY.—If at any time the Sec-  
21          retary determines that a program pre-  
22          viously approved under clause (i) or (ii) is  
23          no longer meeting any of the requirements  
24          of an eligible workforce program described  
25          in this subsection, the Secretary—

1           “(I) shall deny a subsequent re-  
2           newal of approval in accordance with  
3           clause (ii) for such program after the  
4           expiration of the approval period;

5           “(II) may withdraw approval for  
6           such program before the expiration of  
7           the approval period;

8           “(III) shall ensure students who  
9           enrolled in such programs have access  
10          to transcripts for completed  
11          coursework without a fee or monetary  
12          charge and without regard to any bal-  
13          ance owed to the institution; and

14          “(IV) shall prohibit such pro-  
15          gram and any substantially similar  
16          program, from being considered an el-  
17          igible workforce program described in  
18          this subsection for a period of not less  
19          than 5 years.

20          “(E) EXCEPTIONS FOR CERTAIN PRO-  
21          GRAMS.—The requirements of subparagraph  
22          (A)(ix)(II) and the requirement that a program  
23          be stackable (as described in subparagraph  
24          (A)(vii)) shall not apply to any program seeking  
25          approval as an eligible workforce program

1 under this paragraph with respect to which at  
2 least one of the entities described in subclauses  
3 (I) through (IV) of subparagraph (A)(iv) deter-  
4 mines—

5 “(i) prepares students for employment  
6 in an occupation for which there is only  
7 one recognized postsecondary credential;  
8 and

9 “(ii) provides students with such a  
10 credential upon completion of such pro-  
11 gram.

12 “(F) ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN  
13 FEDERAL DIRECT LOAN PROGRAM.—A program  
14 that has been approved as an eligible workforce  
15 program under this paragraph is an eligible  
16 program for purposes of part D only if such  
17 program consists of at least 300 clock hours of  
18 instruction, but less than 600 clock hours of in-  
19 struction (or an equivalent number of credit  
20 hours) offered during a minimum of 10 weeks,  
21 but less than 15 weeks.

22 “(G) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph:

23 “(i) CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDU-  
24 CATION.—The term ‘career and technical  
25 education’ has the meaning given the term

1 in section 3 of the Carl D. Perkins Career  
2 and Technical Education Act of 2006.

3 “(ii) EDUCATIONAL SPENDING.—

4 “(I) IN GENERAL.—The term  
5 ‘educational spending’ means amounts  
6 expended on instruction or instruc-  
7 tional activities, academic support,  
8 and support services.

9 “(II) EXCLUSIONS.—The term  
10 ‘educational spending’ does not in-  
11 clude amounts expended on recruiting  
12 activities, advertising, or other pre-en-  
13 rollment expenditures.

14 “(iii) ELIGIBLE INSTITUTION OF  
15 HIGHER EDUCATION.—The term ‘eligible  
16 institution of higher education’ means an  
17 institution of higher education (as defined  
18 in section 102) that—

19 “(I) is approved by an accred-  
20 iting agency or association that meets  
21 the requirements of section  
22 496(a)(4)(C); and

23 “(II) has not been subject, dur-  
24 ing any of the preceding 5 years, to—

1                   “(aa) any suspension, emer-  
2                   gency action, or termination of  
3                   programs under this title;

4                   “(bb) any adverse action by  
5                   the institution’s accrediting agen-  
6                   cy or association; or

7                   “(cc) any action by the  
8                   State to revoke a license or other  
9                   authority to operate;

10                  “(iv) MEDIAN EARNINGS.—The term  
11                  ‘median earnings’ means the median  
12                  annualized earnings, calculated using earn-  
13                  ings for a pay period, month, quarter, or  
14                  other time period deemed appropriate by  
15                  the Secretary.

16                  “(v) WIOA DEFINITIONS.—The terms  
17                  ‘industry or sector partnership’, ‘in-de-  
18                  mand industry sector or occupation’, ‘rec-  
19                  ognized postsecondary credential’, ‘local  
20                  board’, and ‘State board’ have the mean-  
21                  ings given such terms in section 3 of the  
22                  Workforce Innovation and Opportunity  
23                  Act.”.

24                  (b) SUNSET OF LOAN ELIGIBILITY FOR CERTAIN  
25                  SHORT-TERM PROGRAMS.—Section 481(b)(2) of the

1 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1088(b)(2)) is  
2 amended by adding at the end the following—

3 “(C) No program may be determined eligible  
4 under this paragraph on or after the date that is 60  
5 days after the date on which the Secretary approves  
6 the first workforce program for purposes of the  
7 Workforce Pell Grants Program under section  
8 401(k).”.

9 **SEC. 4. DATA COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION RELATED**  
10 **TO WORKFORCE PELL.**

11 Section 131 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20  
12 U.S.C. 1015) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
13 lowing:

14 “(i) INTERAGENCY DATA COORDINATION AND DATA  
15 COLLECTION RELATED TO WORKFORCE PELL.—

16 “(1) INTERAGENCY DATA COORDINATION.—The  
17 Secretary shall coordinate with the Secretary of  
18 Labor to ensure access to data necessary to imple-  
19 ment this subsection that is not otherwise available  
20 to the Secretary, including such data related to indi-  
21 cators of performance collected under section 116 of  
22 the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

23 “(2) DATA ON ELIGIBLE WORKFORCE PRO-  
24 GRAMS.—Except as provided under paragraph (3),  
25 the Secretary, in coordination with the National

1 Center for Education Statistics, the Secretary of  
2 Labor, and each institution of higher education of-  
3 fering an eligible workforce program for which the  
4 Secretary awards Workforce Federal Pell Grants  
5 under section 401(k), shall, on an annual basis and  
6 using, to the greatest extent practicable, data other-  
7 wise available to the Secretary, collect, verify, and  
8 make publicly available on the College Scorecard, or  
9 any similar successor website, information with re-  
10 spect to such eligible workforce program, including,  
11 at a minimum, the following:

12 “(A) the length of the program (as meas-  
13 ured in clock hours, credit hours, or weeks);

14 “(B) the number and demographics of stu-  
15 dents who enroll in the program during the  
16 most recent academic year for which data is  
17 available, disaggregated by—

18 “(i) sex;

19 “(ii) race and ethnicity;

20 “(iii) classification as a student with a  
21 disability;

22 “(iv) income quintile, as defined by  
23 the Secretary;

24 “(v) military or veteran benefit status;

1                   “(vi) status as a first-time student or  
2                   transfer student from another institution;

3                   “(vii) status as a first generation col-  
4                   lege student;

5                   “(viii) status as parent or guardian of  
6                   1 or more dependent children;

7                   “(ix) status as a confined or incarcerated  
8                   individual, as defined under section  
9                   484(t)(1)(A); and

10                  “(x) status as a recipient of a Work-  
11                  force Federal Pell Grant;

12                  “(C) the number and demographics,  
13                  disaggregated by the categories listed in sub-  
14                  paragraph (B), of students who—

15                  “(i) complete the program within 150  
16                  percent of the normal time for completion  
17                  of such program; and

18                  “(ii) do not complete the program;

19                  “(D) the required tuition and fees of the  
20                  program;

21                  “(E) the median earnings (as defined in  
22                  section 481(b)(3)(F)) of students,  
23                  disaggregated by the categories listed in sub-  
24                  paragraph (B), who—

1                   “(i) complete the program, calculated  
2                   based on earnings approximately 6 months  
3                   after completing such program; and

4                   “(ii) do not complete the program,  
5                   calculated based on earnings approximately  
6                   6 months after ceasing enrollment in such  
7                   program; and

8                   “(F) outcomes of the students who com-  
9                   plete the program, disaggregated by the cat-  
10                  egories listed in subparagraph (B), with respect  
11                  to—

12                   “(i) the median time for completion of  
13                   such students;

14                   “(ii) the employment rates of such  
15                   students—

16                   “(I) 6 months after completion of  
17                   such program; and

18                   “(II) 1 year after completion of  
19                   such program;

20                   “(iii) in the case of a program that  
21                   prepares students for a professional licen-  
22                   sure or certification examination, the per-  
23                   centage of such students who pass such ex-  
24                   aminations;

1           “(iv) the percentage of such students  
2           who enroll in a certificate or degree pro-  
3           gram at the institution of higher education  
4           offering the program within 1 year of com-  
5           pleting such program;

6           “(v) the percentage of such students  
7           who transfer to another institution of high-  
8           er education within 1 year of completing  
9           such program; and

10           “(vi) the percentage of such students  
11           who complete a subsequent certificate or  
12           degree program at any institution of high-  
13           er education within 6 years of completing  
14           such program.

15           “(3) EXCEPTIONS.—Notwithstanding any other  
16           provision of this subsection—

17           “(A) if disclosure of any data under para-  
18           graph (1) is prohibited from disclosure due to  
19           applicable privacy restrictions under State or  
20           Federal privacy laws or regulations, the Sec-  
21           retary may take such steps as the Secretary de-  
22           termines necessary to provide meaningful  
23           disaggregated student demographic or outcome  
24           information, including combining categories;

1           “(B) an institution may submit, and the  
2           Secretary may publish, data required to be col-  
3           lected under paragraph (2) that is obtained  
4           through a State Unemployment Insurance  
5           Agency or through other supplemental means,  
6           in lieu of any additional data collection, pro-  
7           vided that such data are statistically rigorous,  
8           accurate, comparable, and representative;

9           “(C) to the extent that another provision  
10          of this Act, or any regulation prescribed under  
11          this Act, requires the same reporting or collec-  
12          tion of data that is required under paragraph  
13          (2), the Secretary may consider the reporting  
14          under such provision or regulation to satisfy the  
15          requirements of paragraph (2); and

16          “(D) the Secretary, in consultation with  
17          the Secretary of Labor, may modify or waive  
18          the requirements to disaggregate data by the  
19          categories listed in paragraph (2)(B) for data  
20          described in subparagraphs (E) and (F)(iii) of  
21          paragraph (2) to align with the reporting re-  
22          quirements of section 116(d)(4) of the Work-  
23          force Innovation and Opportunity Act, stream-  
24          line reporting requirements, and minimize re-  
25          porting burdens.”.

1 **SEC. 5. ACCREDITING AGENCY DETERMINATION OF ELIGI-**  
2 **BILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE WORK-**  
3 **FORCE PELL GRANTS PROGRAM.**

4 (a) RECOGNITION OF ACCREDITING AGENCY OR AS-  
5 SOCIATION.—Section 496(a)(4) of the Higher Education  
6 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1099b(a)(4)) is amended—

7 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and”  
8 after the semicolon;

9 (2) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by inserting “and”  
10 after the semicolon; and

11 (3) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(C) if such agency or association has or  
13 seeks to include within its scope of recognition  
14 the evaluation of the quality of institutions of  
15 higher education offering an eligible workforce  
16 program for purposes of the Workforce Federal  
17 Pell Grant program under section 401(k), such  
18 agency or association shall, in addition to meet-  
19 ing the other requirements of this subpart,  
20 demonstrate to the Secretary that, with respect  
21 to such eligible workforce programs—

22 “(i) the agency or association’s stand-  
23 ards include a process for determining if  
24 the institution has the capability to effec-  
25 tively offer an eligible workforce program;  
26 and

1           “(ii) the agency or association re-  
2           quires a demonstration that the program—

3                   “(I) has identified each recog-  
4                   nized postsecondary credential offered  
5                   in the relevant industry in the State  
6                   or local area where the industry is lo-  
7                   cated; and

8                   “(II) provides academic content,  
9                   an amount of instructional time, com-  
10                  petencies, and a recognized postsec-  
11                  ondary credential sufficient to satisfy  
12                  any applicable educational require-  
13                  ment for professional licensure or cer-  
14                  tification in the State or States in  
15                  which the program is offered, so that  
16                  a student who completes the program  
17                  and seeks employment is qualified to  
18                  practice or find employment in the  
19                  sectors or occupations that the pro-  
20                  gram prepares students to enter, in-  
21                  cluding, if applicable, being qualified  
22                  to take any relevant licensure or cer-  
23                  tification examinations that may be  
24                  needed to practice such employment.”.

1           (b) ADDITIONAL NACIQI REVIEW MEETINGS.—For  
2 the purpose of preparing for the implementation of the  
3 Workforce Pell Grant program under section 401(k) of the  
4 Higher Education Act of 1965 (as added by section 4),  
5 in addition to the meetings required under section  
6 114(d)(1) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20  
7 U.S.C. 1011c(d)(1)), the National Advisory Committee on  
8 Institutional Quality and Integrity (as established by such  
9 section 114) shall, through 2025, hold meetings to evalu-  
10 ate the additions to the scope of recognition of accrediting  
11 agencies and associations with respect to an eligible work-  
12 force program for purposes of the Workforce Pell Grants  
13 program (in accordance with section 481(b)(3) of the  
14 Higher Education Act of 1965, as added by section 3).

15           (c) INTERIM ACCREDITATION AUTHORITY.—

16           (1) NOTIFICATION.—Beginning on the date of  
17 enactment of this Act, a qualified accrediting agency  
18 or association which seeks to include within its scope  
19 of recognition the evaluation of the quality of insti-  
20 tutions offering eligible workforce programs for the  
21 purposes of the Workforce Pell Grants program,  
22 may include within its scope of recognition the eval-  
23 uation of such institutions if the accrediting agency  
24 or association—

1 (A) submits to the Secretary a notification  
2 of the agency's or association's intent to add  
3 the evaluation of such institutions to its scope  
4 of recognition; and

5 (B) includes with such notification an ex-  
6 planation of how the agency or association in-  
7 tends to meet the criteria under section  
8 496(a)(4)(C) of the Higher Education Act of  
9 1965 (as added by subsection (a)) with respect  
10 to the evaluation of institutions for purposes of  
11 the Workforce Pell Grants program.

12 (2) REVIEW OF SCOPE OF CHANGES.—Upon re-  
13 ceipt of a notification from an accrediting agency or  
14 association under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall  
15 direct the National Advisory Committee on Institu-  
16 tional Quality and Integrity (as established by sec-  
17 tion 114 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20  
18 U.S.C. 1011c)) to evaluate, at the next available  
19 meeting of such Committee, the addition to the  
20 scope of recognition of the agency or association and  
21 to advise the Secretary with respect to whether the  
22 agency or association meets the criteria under sec-  
23 tion 496(a)(4)(C) of the Higher Education Act of  
24 1965 (as added by subsection (a)).

1           (3) TERMINATION OF INTERIM AUTHORITY.—

2           The interim authority under this subsection for an  
3           agency or association to include within its scope of  
4           recognition the evaluation of the quality of institu-  
5           tions offering eligible workforce programs for the  
6           purposes of the Workforce Pell Grants program shall  
7           terminate on the earlier of—

8                   (A) the date that is 5 years after the date  
9                   of enactment of this Act; or

10                   (B) the date on which the Secretary deter-  
11                   mines whether such agency or association meets  
12                   the criteria under section 496(a)(4)(C) of the  
13                   Higher Education Act of 1965 (as added by  
14                   subsection (a)).

15           (4) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

16                   (A) QUALIFIED ACCREDITING AGENCY OR  
17                   ASSOCIATION.—The term “qualified accrediting  
18                   agency or association” means an accrediting  
19                   agency or association recognized by the Sec-  
20                   retary under section 496 of the Higher Edu-  
21                   cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1099b) that  
22                   seeks, for the first time, to add to its scope of  
23                   recognition the evaluation of the quality of in-  
24                   stitutions offering an eligible workforce pro-

1           gram for purposes of the Workforce Pell Grants  
2           program.

3                   (B) WORKFORCE PELL GRANTS PRO-  
4           GRAM.—The term “Workforce Pell Grants pro-  
5           gram” means the Workforce Pell Grant pro-  
6           gram under section 401(k) of the Higher Edu-  
7           cation Act of 1965 (as added by section 2).

8 **SEC. 6. WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT**  
9                   **AMENDMENT.**

10           (a) IN GENERAL.—

11                   (1) ELIGIBLE TRAINING PROVIDER REPORTS.—  
12           Section 116(d)(4) of the Workforce Innovation and  
13           Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3141(d)(4)) is amend-  
14           ed—

15                   (A) in subparagraph (E), by striking  
16           “and” after the semicolon;

17                   (B) in subparagraph (F), by striking the  
18           period and inserting “; and”; and

19                   (C) by adding at the end the following:

20                   “(G) for programs of study of an eligible  
21           provider participating in the Workforce Federal  
22           Pell Grant program under section 401(k) of the  
23           Higher Education Act of 1965 such information  
24           related to employment and earnings as may be  
25           required under section 481(b)(3), including in-

1           formation relating to the total earnings increase  
2           under section 481(b)(3)(B), except that the  
3           sanctions for failure to report under subsection  
4           (f)(1)(B) of this section shall not apply to this  
5           subparagraph.”.

6           (2) INTERAGENCY DATA COORDINATION.—Sec-  
7           tion 116(i) of the Workforce Innovation and Oppor-  
8           tunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3141(i)) is amended by add-  
9           ing at the end the following:

10           “(4) INTERAGENCY DATA COORDINATION FOR  
11           WORKFORCE FEDERAL PELL GRANT PROGRAM.—The  
12           Secretary of Labor shall coordinate with the Sec-  
13           retary of Education to ensure access to data nec-  
14           essary to implement sections 401(k) and 481(b)(3)  
15           of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
16           1070a(k); 1088(b)(3)) that is not otherwise available  
17           to the Secretary of Education, which may include  
18           data related to unemployment insurance, wage infor-  
19           mation, employment-related outcomes, and indica-  
20           tors of performance collected under this section.”.