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118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to change certain Federal Pell Grant requirements for certain students with disabilities, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MORELLE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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 Flexibility  
5       Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO THE HIGHER EDUCATION ACT OF**  
2 **1965.**

3 (a) AMENDMENTS.—Section 401(b)(2) of the Higher  
4 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a(b)(2)), as  
5 amended by section 703 of division FF of the Consolidated  
6 Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116–260), is  
7 amended—

8 (1) by striking “In any case” and inserting the  
9 following:

10 “(A) REDUCTION.—Except as provided in  
11 subparagraph (B), in any case”; and

12 (2) by adding at the end the following:

13 “(B) STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES.—

14 “(i) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a  
15 student with a disability (as defined in sec-  
16 tion 3 of the Americans with Disabilities  
17 Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12102)) for whom  
18 a reduced course load has been determined  
19 appropriate by the institution of higher  
20 education, the student’s enrollment in the  
21 reduced course load or 5 credits (or the  
22 equivalent), whichever is greater, shall be  
23 deemed to be enrollment on a full-time  
24 basis for purposes of calculating the  
25 amount of the Federal Pell Grant to which  
26 the student is entitled.

1                   “(ii) LIMITED APPLICATION.—A de-  
2                   termination under clause (i) shall not be  
3                   used in the calculation of Federal Pell  
4                   Grant semester eligibility under subsection  
5                   (d)(5).”.

6           (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
7 this section shall take effect as if included in section 703  
8 of division FF of the Consolidated Appropriations Act,  
9 2021 (Public Law 116–260) and subject to the effective  
10 date of section 701(b) of such FAFSA Simplification Act,  
11 as amended by section 102(a) of the FAFSA Simplifica-  
12 tion Act Technical Corrections Act (division R of Public  
13 Law 117–103) (including the authorization provided  
14 under section 102(c)(1)(A) of such Act).