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H. R. 3269

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to establish a program to increase Pell grant awards to students who graduate in the top 10 percent of their high school class.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MCGOVERN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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 “Incentive for Achieve-
5 ment Through Pell Grants Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PELL GRANT INCENTIVES.**

2 Section 401(b) of the Higher Education Act of 1965
3 (20 U.S.C. 1070a(b)) is amended by adding at the end
4 the following new paragraph:

5 “(9)(A) Notwithstanding the preceding provisions of
6 this subsection, the amount of the basic grant under this
7 section awarded to a student during the first two academic
8 years of undergraduate education who graduated in the
9 top 10 percent of his or her high school graduating class
10 shall be an amount equal to twice the amount for which
11 the student is eligible under this section as determined
12 without regard to the provisions of this paragraph.

13 “(B) The Secretary shall establish by regulation pro-
14 cedures for the determination of eligibility of students
15 under subparagraph (A). Such procedures shall include
16 measures to prevent any secondary school from certifying
17 more than 10 percent of it’s students for eligibility under
18 this paragraph.

19 “(C) In prescribing procedures under subparagraph
20 (B), the Secretary shall ensure that the determination of
21 eligibility and the amount of the award is determined in
22 a timely manner consistent with the requirements of sec-
23 tion 482 and the submission of the financial aid form re-
24 quired by section 483. For such purposes, the Secretary
25 may provide that, for the first of a student’s two academic
26 years of eligibility under this section, class rank may be

1 determined prior to graduation, at such time and in such
2 manner as the Secretary may specify in the regulations
3 prescribed under this subsection.”.

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