To reinstate Federal Pell Grant eligibility for individuals incarcerated in Federal and State penal institutions, and for other purposes.

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Restoring Education And Learning Act of 2017” or the “REAL Act of 2017”.

SEC. 2. REINSTATEMENT OF FEDERAL PELL GRANT ELIGIBILITY.

Section 401(b) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a(b)) is amended—
(1) by striking paragraph (6) and redesignating paragraph (7) as paragraph (6); and

(2) in paragraph (2)(A)(ii), by striking “(7)(B)” and inserting “(6)(B)”.

SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The amendments made by section 2 shall be effective for academic year 2017–2018 and succeeding academic years.