

115TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 3423

To revise the amounts for discretionary Federal Pell Grant funding, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 6, 2018

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

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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 “Promoting Academic  
5 Success Sustainably Act of 2018” or the “PASS Act of  
6 2018”.

7 **SEC. 2. AMOUNT OF DISCRETIONARY FEDERAL PELL**  
8 **GRANT FUNDING.**

9 (a) HEA AMENDMENT.—Section 401(b)(2)(A)(i) of  
10 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.

1 1070a(b)(2)(A)(i) is amended by striking clause (i) and  
2 inserting the following:

3 “(i)(I) the maximum Pell Grant,  
4 which shall be \$5,135 for award year  
5 2019–2020; or

6 “(II) the maximum Federal Pell  
7 Grant, which, for an award year subse-  
8 quent to the 2019–2020 award year, shall  
9 be the amount specified in the Consoli-  
10 dated Appropriations Act, 2018 (Public  
11 Law 115–141), plus”.

12 (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-  
13 tion, or the amendment made by this section, shall be con-  
14 strued to prohibit an appropriations Act from increasing  
15 the maximum Federal Pell Grant award above the level  
16 specified in section 401(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Higher Edu-  
17 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a(b)(2)(A)(i)) (as  
18 amended by subsection (a)) for future award years.

19 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

20 (1) Section 401(b)(7)(C)(iv)(II)(aa) of the  
21 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.  
22 1070a(b)(7)(C)(iv)(II)(aa)) is amended by striking  
23 “as specified in the last enacted appropriation Act  
24 applicable to that preceding award year” and insert-

1       ing “as determined under paragraph (2)(A)(i) for  
2       that preceding award year”.

3               (2) Section 401(g) is amended by striking  
4       “specified in such appropriation”.

5 **SEC. 3. RESCISSION.**

6       Section 401(b)(7)(A)(iv)(IX) of the Higher Edu-  
7       cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a(b)(7)(A)(iv)(IX)) is  
8       amended by striking “\$1,409,000,000” and inserting  
9       “\$1,370,000,000”.

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