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H. R. 625

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to expand eligibility for participation in the Federal Pell Grant program to certain trade schools.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. WITTMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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 “Professional Pell Edu-
5 cation Learning Act” or the “PROPEL Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FEDERAL PELL GRANTS.**

7 (a) CLARIFICATION OF ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS.—

8 Section 401(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
9 U.S.C. 1070a(a)) is amended by adding at the end the
10 following:

1 “(4) Notwithstanding any other provision of
2 this Act, for purposes of this section, the terms ‘eli-
3 gible institution’, ‘institution of higher education’,
4 ‘eligible program’, and ‘institution’ include a pro-
5 gram of education that—

6 “(A) consists of vocational or technical
7 training, flight training, or apprenticeship or
8 other on-job training;

9 “(B) an individual may pursue using edu-
10 cational assistance pursuant to section 3313(g)
11 of title 38, United States Code;

12 “(C) is less than 600 clock hours of in-
13 struction, 16 semester hours, or 24 quarter
14 hours, offered during a period of less than 15
15 weeks;

16 “(D) is not required to be accredited by a
17 nationally recognized accrediting agency or as-
18 sociation recognized by the Secretary pursuant
19 to part H;

20 “(E) is not required to lead to a recognized
21 educational credential;

22 “(F) for purposes of the reporting require-
23 ments under section 132(i), reports on all en-
24 rolled students without regard to whether a stu-

1 dent is a first-time, full-time, degree- or certifi-
2 cate-seeking student; and

3 “(G) except as otherwise provided in sub-
4 paragraphs (A) through (F) of this paragraph,
5 meets the requirements of this title for an insti-
6 tution to participate in the program under this
7 section.”.

8 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 484(a)(1)
9 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
10 1091(a)(1)) is amended by inserting “or, for purposes of
11 the Federal Pell Grant program under section 401, a pro-
12 gram of education described in section 401(a)(4)” after
13 “section 487”.

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