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To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to increase the maximum Federal Pell Grant amount, and for other purposes.

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Mr. DEFAZIO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to increase the maximum Federal Pell Grant amount, and for other purposes.

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 “Achieving Independ-
5 ence through Degrees Act” or the “AID Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

7 The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

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1 **TITLE I—ADJUSTMENTS TO**
2 **FEDERAL PELL GRANTS**

3 **SEC. 101. INCREASE IN MAXIMUM FEDERAL PELL GRANT**
4 **AMOUNT.**

5 (a) AWARD YEAR 2022–2023.—Section 401(b)(7)(C)
6 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
7 1070a(b)(7)(C)) is amended by striking clauses (ii) and
8 (iii) and inserting the following:

9 “(ii) AWARD YEAR 2022–2023.—For
10 award year 2022–2023, the amount deter-
11 mined under this subparagraph for pur-
12 poses of subparagraph (B)(iii) shall be in-
13 creased to \$13,000.”.

14 (b) AWARD YEAR 2023–2024, AND EACH SUBSE-
15 QUENT AWARD YEAR.—Section 401(b)(5) of the Higher
16 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a(b)(5)), as
17 amended by the FAFSA Simplification Act under section
18 703 of division FF of Public Law 116–260, is further
19 amended to read as follows:

20 “(5) TOTAL MAXIMUM FEDERAL PELL
21 GRANT.—

22 “(A) AWARD YEAR 2023–2024.—For award
23 year 2023–2024, the total maximum Federal
24 Pell Grant award per student shall be equal to
25 the sum of—

1 “(i) \$13,000; and

2 “(ii) the amount specified as the max-
3 imum Federal Pell Grant in the last en-
4 acted appropriation Act applicable to that
5 award year.

6 “(B) AWARD YEAR 2024–2025, AND EACH
7 SUBSEQUENT AWARD YEAR.—For award year
8 2024–2025 and each subsequent award year,
9 the total maximum Federal Pell Grant award
10 per student shall be equal to the sum of—

11 “(i)(I) for award year 2024–2025,
12 \$13,000, increased by a percentage equal
13 to the annual adjustment percentage for
14 award year 2024–2025; and

15 “(II) for award year 2025–2026 and
16 each subsequent award year, the amount
17 determined under this clause for the pre-
18 ceding year, increased by a percentage
19 equal to the annual adjustment percentage
20 for the award year for which the amount
21 under this clause is being determined; and

22 “(ii) the amount specified as the max-
23 imum Federal Pell Grant in the last en-
24 acted appropriation Act applicable to that
25 award year.

1 “(C) ROUNDING.—The total maximum
2 Federal Pell Grant for any award year shall be
3 rounded to the nearest \$5.

4 “(D) ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT PERCENTAGE
5 DEFINED.—In this paragraph, the term ‘annual
6 adjustment percentage’ as applied to an award
7 year, is equal to the estimated percentage
8 change in the Consumer Price Index (as deter-
9 mined by the Secretary, using the definition in
10 section 478(f)) for the most recent calendar
11 year ending prior to the beginning of that
12 award year.”.

13 **SEC. 102. INCREASE IN TOTAL SEMESTERS OF FEDERAL**
14 **PELL GRANT ELIGIBILITY.**

15 (a) AWARD YEAR 2022–2023.—Section 401(c)(5) of
16 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
17 1070a(c)(5)) is amended by striking “12” both places it
18 appears and inserting “15”.

19 (b) AWARD YEAR 2023–2024, AND EACH SUBSE-
20 QUENT AWARD YEAR.—Section 401(d)(5)(A) of the High-
21 er Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a(d)(5)(A)), as
22 amended by the FAFSA Simplification Act under section
23 703 of division FF of Public Law 116–260, is further
24 amended by striking “12” both places it appears and in-
25 serting “15”.

1 **SEC. 103. EXTENDING FEDERAL PELL GRANT ELIGIBILITY**
2 **OF CERTAIN SHORT-TERM PROGRAMS.**

3 (a) AWARD YEAR 2022–2023.—Section 401 of the
4 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a), is
5 amended by inserting after subsection (j) the following:

6 “(k) JOB TRAINING FEDERAL PELL GRANT PRO-
7 GRAM.—

8 “(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

9 “(A) ELIGIBLE CAREER PATHWAY PRO-
10 GRAM.—The term ‘eligible career pathway pro-
11 gram’ means a program that—

12 “(i) meets the requirements of section
13 484(d)(2);

14 “(ii) is a program of training services
15 listed under included on the list established
16 under section 122(d) of the Workforce In-
17 novation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C.
18 3152(d)); and

19 “(iii) is part of a career pathway, as
20 defined in section 3 of such Act (29 U.S.C.
21 3102).

22 “(B) JOB TRAINING PROGRAM.—The term
23 ‘job training program’ means a career and tech-
24 nical education program at an institution of
25 higher education that—

1 “(i) provides not less than 150, and
2 not more than 600, clock hours of instruc-
3 tional time over a period of not less than
4 8, and not more than 15, weeks;

5 “(ii) provides training aligned with
6 the requirements of employers in the State
7 or local area, which may include in-demand
8 industry sectors or occupations, as defined
9 in section 3 of the Workforce Innovation
10 and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3102), in
11 the State or local area (as defined in such
12 section);

13 “(iii) is a program of training services
14 that is provided through an eligible pro-
15 vider of training services listed under sec-
16 tion 122(d) of such Act (29 U.S.C.
17 3152(d));

18 “(iv) provides a student, upon comple-
19 tion of the program, with a recognized
20 postsecondary credential, as defined in sec-
21 tion 3 of such Act, that is recognized by
22 employers in the relevant industry, includ-
23 ing credentials recognized by industry or
24 sector partnerships in the State or local
25 area where the industry is located;

1 “(v) has been determined, by the in-
2 stitution of higher education, to provide
3 academic content, an amount of instruc-
4 tional time, and a recognized postsec-
5 ondary credential that are sufficient to—

6 “(I) meet the hiring requirements
7 of potential employers; and

8 “(II) satisfy any applicable edu-
9 cational prerequisite requirement for
10 professional licensure or certification,
11 so that the student who completes the
12 program and seeks employment quali-
13 fies to take any licensure or certifi-
14 cation examination needed to practice
15 or find employment in an occupation
16 that the program prepares students to
17 enter;

18 “(vi) may include integrated or basic
19 skills courses; and

20 “(vii) may be offered as part of an eli-
21 gible career pathway program.

22 “(2) GRANT PROGRAM.—For the award year
23 beginning on July 1, 2022, and each subsequent
24 award year, the Secretary shall carry out a program
25 through which the Secretary shall award job training

1 Federal Pell Grants to students in job training pro-
2 grams. Each job training Federal Pell Grant award-
3 ed under this subsection shall have the same terms
4 and conditions, and be awarded in the same manner,
5 as a Federal Pell Grant awarded under subsection
6 (a), except as follows:

7 “(A) A student who is eligible to receive a
8 job training Federal Pell Grant under this sub-
9 section is a student who—

10 “(i) has not yet attained a bacca-
11 laurate degree or postbaccalaureate de-
12 gree;

13 “(ii) attends an institution of higher
14 education;

15 “(iii) is enrolled, or accepted for en-
16 rollment, in a job training program at such
17 institution of higher education; and

18 “(iv) meets all other eligibility re-
19 quirements for a Federal Pell Grant (ex-
20 cept with respect to the type of program of
21 study, as provided in clause (iii)).

22 “(B) The amount of a job training Federal
23 Pell Grant for an eligible student shall be deter-
24 mined under subsection (b)(2)(A), except
25 that—

1 “(i) the maximum Federal Pell Grant
2 awarded under this subsection for an
3 award year shall be 50 percent of the max-
4 imum Federal Pell Grant awarded under
5 subsection (b)(2)(A) applicable to that
6 award year; and

7 “(ii) subsection (b)(4) shall not apply.

8 “(3) INCLUSION IN TOTAL ELIGIBILITY PE-
9 RIOD.—Any period during which a student receives
10 a job training Federal Pell Grant under this sub-
11 section shall be included in calculating the student’s
12 period of eligibility for Federal Pell Grants under
13 subsection (c), and any regulations under such sub-
14 section regarding students who are enrolled in an
15 undergraduate program on less than a full-time
16 basis shall similarly apply to students who are en-
17 rolled in a job training program at an eligible insti-
18 tution on less than a full-time basis.”.

19 (b) AWARD YEAR 2023–2024, AND EACH SUBSE-
20 QUENT AWARD YEAR.—Section 401 of the Higher Edu-
21 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a), as amended by the
22 FAFSA Simplification Act under section 703 of division
23 FF of Public Law 116–260, is further amended by insert-
24 ing after subsection (j), the following:

1 “(k) JOB TRAINING FEDERAL PELL GRANT PRO-
2 GRAM.—

3 “(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

4 “(A) ELIGIBLE CAREER PATHWAY PRO-
5 GRAM.—The term ‘eligible career pathway pro-
6 gram’ means a program that—

7 “(i) meets the requirements of section
8 484(d)(2);

9 “(ii) is a program of training services
10 listed under included on the list established
11 under section 122(d) of the Workforce In-
12 novation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C.
13 3152(d)); and

14 “(iii) is part of a career pathway, as
15 defined in section 3 of such Act (29 U.S.C.
16 3102).

17 “(B) JOB TRAINING PROGRAM.—The term
18 ‘job training program’ means a career and tech-
19 nical education program at an institution of
20 higher education that—

21 “(i) provides not less than 150, and
22 not more than 600, clock hours of instruc-
23 tional time over a period of not less than
24 8, and not more than 15, weeks;

1 “(ii) provides training aligned with
2 the requirements of employers in the State
3 or local area, which may include in-demand
4 industry sectors or occupations, as defined
5 in section 3 of the Workforce Innovation
6 and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3102), in
7 the State or local area (as defined in such
8 section);

9 “(iii) is a program of training services
10 that is provided through an eligible pro-
11 vider of training services listed under sec-
12 tion 122(d) of such Act (29 U.S.C.
13 3152(d));

14 “(iv) provides a student, upon comple-
15 tion of the program, with a recognized
16 postsecondary credential, as defined in sec-
17 tion 3 of such Act, that is recognized by
18 employers in the relevant industry, includ-
19 ing credentials recognized by industry or
20 sector partnerships in the State or local
21 area where the industry is located;

22 “(v) has been determined, by the in-
23 stitution of higher education, to provide
24 academic content, an amount of instruc-

1 tional time, and a recognized postsec-
2 ondary credential that are sufficient to—

3 “(I) meet the hiring requirements
4 of potential employers; and

5 “(II) satisfy any applicable edu-
6 cational prerequisite requirement for
7 professional licensure or certification,
8 so that the student who completes the
9 program and seeks employment quali-
10 fies to take any licensure or certifi-
11 cation examination needed to practice
12 or find employment in an occupation
13 that the program prepares students to
14 enter;

15 “(vi) may include integrated or basic
16 skills courses; and

17 “(vii) may be offered as part of an eli-
18 gible career pathway program.

19 “(2) GRANT PROGRAM.—For the award year
20 beginning on July 1, 2023, and each subsequent
21 award year, the Secretary shall carry out a program
22 through which the Secretary shall award job training
23 Federal Pell Grants to students in job training pro-
24 grams. Each job training Federal Pell Grant award-
25 ed under this subsection shall have the same terms

1 and conditions, and be awarded in the same manner,
2 as a Federal Pell Grant awarded under subsection
3 (a), except as follows:

4 “(A) A student who is eligible to receive a
5 job training Federal Pell Grant under this sub-
6 section is a student who—

7 “(i) has not yet attained a bacca-
8 laurate degree or postbaccalaureate de-
9 gree;

10 “(ii) attends an institution of higher
11 education;

12 “(iii) is enrolled, or accepted for en-
13 rollment, in a job training program at such
14 institution of higher education; and

15 “(iv) meets all other eligibility re-
16 quirements for a Federal Pell Grant (ex-
17 cept with respect to the type of program of
18 study, as provided in clause (iii)).

19 “(B) The amount of a job training Federal
20 Pell Grant for an eligible student shall be deter-
21 mined under subsection (b)(1), except that—

22 “(i) the maximum Federal Pell Grant
23 awarded under this subsection for an
24 award year shall be 50 percent of the max-
25 imum Federal Pell Grant awarded under

1 subsection (b)(5), applicable to that award
2 year; and

3 “(ii) the requirements related to the
4 minimum Federal Pell Grant (as defined in
5 section (a)(2)(F)) requirements shall not
6 apply.

7 “(3) INCLUSION IN TOTAL ELIGIBILITY PE-
8 RIOD.—Any period during which a student receives
9 a job training Federal Pell Grant under this sub-
10 section shall be included in calculating the student’s
11 period of eligibility for Federal Pell Grants under
12 subsection (d), and any regulations under such sub-
13 section regarding students who are enrolled in an
14 undergraduate program on less than a full-time
15 basis shall similarly apply to students who are en-
16 rolled in a job training program at an eligible insti-
17 tution on less than a full-time basis.”.

18 (c) ADDITIONAL SAFEGUARDS.—Section 496(a)(4) of
19 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
20 1099b(a)(4)) is amended—

21 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and”
22 after the semicolon;

23 (2) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by inserting “and”
24 after the semicolon; and

25 (3) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(C) if such agency or association has or
2 seeks to include within its scope of recognition
3 the evaluation of the quality of institutions of
4 higher education participating in the job train-
5 ing Federal Pell Grant program under section
6 401(k), such agency or association shall, in ad-
7 dition to meeting the other requirements of this
8 subpart, demonstrate to the Secretary that,
9 with respect to such job training programs—

10 “(i) the agency or association’s stand-
11 ards include a process for determining
12 whether the program provides training
13 aligned with the requirements of employers
14 in the State or local area served by the
15 program; and

16 “(ii) the agency or association re-
17 quires a demonstration that the program—

18 “(I) has identified each recog-
19 nized postsecondary credential offered
20 and the corresponding industry or sec-
21 tor partnership that actively recog-
22 nizes each credential in the relevant
23 industry in the State or local area
24 where the industry is located; and

1 “(II) provides the academic con-
2 tent and amount of instructional time
3 that is sufficient to—

4 “(aa) meet the hiring re-
5 quirements of potential employ-
6 ers; and

7 “(bb) satisfy any applicable
8 educational prerequisites for pro-
9 fessional licensure or certification
10 requirements so that the student
11 who completes the program and
12 seeks employment qualifies to
13 take any licensure or certification
14 examination that is needed to
15 practice or find employment in
16 an occupation that the program
17 prepares students to enter;”.

18 **SEC. 104. FULL EXCLUSION FROM GROSS INCOME FOR**
19 **PELL GRANTS.**

20 Section 117(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986
21 is amended by adding at the end the following new para-
22 graph:

23 “(3) SPECIAL RULE FOR PELL GRANTS.—

24 Amounts received under a Federal Pell Grant under
25 subpart 1 of part A of title IV of the Higher Edu-

1 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a et seq.) shall
2 be treated as an amount received as a qualified
3 scholarship notwithstanding whether such amount
4 was used for qualified tuition and related expenses.”.

5 **SEC. 105. EXPANDING THE USE FOR PELL GRANTS.**

6 (a) AWARD YEAR 2022–2023.—Section 401(e) of the
7 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a(e)) is
8 amended by striking “Any disbursement allowed to be
9 made by crediting the student’s account shall be limited
10 to tuition and fees and, in the case of institutionally owned
11 housing, room and board. The student may elect to have
12 the institution provide other such goods and services by
13 crediting the student’s account.” and inserting “Payments
14 under this section may be used by the student for living
15 and nontuition expenses.”.

16 (b) AWARD YEAR 2023–2024, AND EACH SUBSE-
17 QUENT AWARD YEAR.—Section 401(f) of the Higher Edu-
18 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a), as amended by the
19 FAFSA Simplification Act under section 703 of division
20 FF of Public Law 116–260, is further amended by strik-
21 ing “Any disbursement allowed to be made by crediting
22 the student’s account shall be limited to tuition and fees,
23 and food and housing if that food and housing is institu-
24 tionally owned or operated. The student may elect to have
25 the institution provide other such goods and services by

1 crediting the student’s account.” and inserting “Payments
2 under this section may be used by the student for living
3 and nontuition expenses.”.

4 **TITLE II—FINANCIAL AID**
5 **COUNSELING FOR BORROWERS**

6 **SEC. 201. ANNUAL FINANCIAL AID COUNSELING.**

7 Section 485(l) of the Higher Education Act of 1965
8 (20 U.S.C. 1092(l)) is amended to read as follows:

9 “(l) ANNUAL FINANCIAL AID COUNSELING.—

10 “(1) ANNUAL DISCLOSURE REQUIRED.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each eligible institu-
12 tion shall ensure that each individual who re-
13 ceives a loan made under part D (other than a
14 Federal Direct Consolidation Loan) receives
15 comprehensive information on the terms and
16 conditions of such loan and the responsibilities
17 the individual has with respect to such loan.
18 Such information shall be provided, for each
19 award year for which the individual receives
20 such loan, in a simple and understandable man-
21 ner—

22 “(i) during a counseling session con-
23 ducted in person;

24 “(ii) online, with the individual ac-
25 knowledging receipt of the information; or

1 “(iii) through the use of the online
2 counseling tool described in subsection
3 (k)(1)(B).

4 “(B) USE OF INTERACTIVE PROGRAMS.—
5 In the case of institutions not using the online
6 counseling tool described in subsection
7 (k)(1)(B), the Secretary shall require such in-
8 stitutions to carry out the requirements of sub-
9 paragraph (A) through the use of interactive
10 programs, during an annual counseling session
11 that is in person or online, that test the individ-
12 ual’s understanding of the terms and conditions
13 of the loan awarded to the individual, using
14 simple and understandable language and clear
15 formatting.

16 “(2) ALL INDIVIDUALS.—The information to be
17 provided under paragraph (1)(A) to each individual
18 receiving counseling under this subsection shall in-
19 clude the following:

20 “(A) An explanation of how the individual
21 may budget for typical educational expenses
22 and a sample budget based on the cost of at-
23 tendance for the institution.

24 “(B) An explanation that an individual has
25 a right to annually request a disclosure of infor-

1 mation collected by a consumer reporting agen-
2 cy pursuant to section 612(a) of the Fair Credit
3 Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. 1681j(a)).

4 “(C) Based on the most recent data avail-
5 able from the American Community Survey
6 available from the Department of Commerce,
7 the estimated average income and percentage of
8 employment in the State of domicile of the indi-
9 vidual for individuals with—

10 “(i) a high school diploma or equiva-
11 lent;

12 “(ii) some postsecondary education
13 without completion of a degree or certifi-
14 cate; and

15 “(iii) a bachelor’s degree.

16 “(D) An introduction to the financial man-
17 agement resources provided by the Financial
18 Literacy and Education Commission.

19 “(3) BORROWERS RECEIVING LOANS MADE
20 UNDER PART D (OTHER THAN PARENT PLUS
21 LOANS).—The information to be provided under
22 paragraph (1)(A) to a borrower of a loan made
23 under part D (other than a Federal Direct PLUS
24 Loan made on behalf of a dependent student) shall
25 include the following:

1 “(A) To the extent practicable, the effect
2 of accepting the loan to be disbursed on the eli-
3 gibility of the borrower for other forms of stu-
4 dent financial assistance.

5 “(B) An explanation of the use of the mas-
6 ter promissory note.

7 “(C) An explanation that the borrower is
8 not required to accept the full amount of the
9 loan offered to the borrower.

10 “(D) An explanation that the borrower
11 should consider accepting any grant, scholar-
12 ship, or State or Federal work-study jobs for
13 which the borrower is eligible prior to accepting
14 Federal student loans.

15 “(E) A recommendation to the borrower to
16 exhaust the borrower’s Federal student loan op-
17 tions prior to taking out private education
18 loans, an explanation that Federal student
19 loans typically offer better terms and conditions
20 than private education loans, an explanation of
21 treatment of loans made under part D and pri-
22 vate education loans in bankruptcy, and an ex-
23 planation that if a borrower decides to take out
24 a private education loan—

1 “(i) the borrower has the ability to se-
2 lect a private educational lender of the bor-
3 rower’s choice;

4 “(ii) the proposed private education
5 loan may impact the borrower’s potential
6 eligibility for other financial assistance, in-
7 cluding Federal financial assistance under
8 this title; and

9 “(iii) the borrower has a right—

10 “(I) to accept the terms of the
11 private education loan within 30 cal-
12 endar days following the date on
13 which the application for such loan is
14 approved and the borrower receives
15 the required disclosure documents,
16 pursuant to section 128(e) of the
17 Truth in Lending Act (15 U.S.C.
18 1638(e)); and

19 “(II) to cancel such loan within 3
20 business days of the date on which the
21 loan is consummated, pursuant to sec-
22 tion 128(e)(7) of such Act (15 U.S.C.
23 1638(e)(7)).

1 “(F) An explanation of the approved edu-
2 cational expenses for which the borrower may
3 use a loan made under part D.

4 “(G) Information on the annual and aggre-
5 gate loan limits for Federal Direct Stafford
6 Loans and Federal Direct Unsubsidized Staf-
7 ford Loans.

8 “(H) Information on how interest accrues
9 and is capitalized during periods when the in-
10 terest is not paid by either the borrower or the
11 Secretary.

12 “(I) In the case of a Federal Direct PLUS
13 Loan or a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Staf-
14 ford Loan, the option of the borrower to pay
15 the interest while the borrower is in school.

16 “(J) The definition of half-time enrollment
17 at the institution, during regular terms and
18 summer school, if applicable, and the con-
19 sequences of not maintaining at least half-time
20 enrollment.

21 “(K) An explanation of the importance of
22 contacting the appropriate offices at the institu-
23 tion of higher education if the borrower with-
24 draws prior to completing the borrower’s pro-
25 gram of study so that the institution can pro-

1 vide exit counseling, including information re-
2 garding the borrower’s repayment options and
3 loan consolidation.

4 “(L) For a first-time borrower—

5 “(i) a statement of the anticipated
6 balance on the loan for which the borrower
7 is receiving counseling under this sub-
8 section;

9 “(ii) based on such anticipated bal-
10 ance, the anticipated monthly payment
11 amount under, at minimum—

12 “(I) the standard repayment
13 plan; and

14 “(II) an income-based repayment
15 plan under section 493C, as deter-
16 mined using regionally available data
17 from the Bureau of Labor Statistics
18 of the average starting salary for the
19 occupation in which the borrower has
20 an interest in or intends to be em-
21 ployed;

22 “(iii) an estimate of the projected
23 monthly payment amount under each re-
24 payment plan described in clause (ii),
25 based on the average cumulative indebted-

1 ness at graduation for borrowers of loans
2 made under part D who are in the same
3 program of study as the borrower; and

4 “(iv) an explanation of how interest
5 accrues once a student borrower enters
6 into repayment status.

7 “(M) For a borrower with an outstanding
8 balance of principal or interest due on a loan
9 made under this title—

10 “(i) a current statement of the
11 amount of such outstanding balance and
12 interest accrued;

13 “(ii) based on such outstanding bal-
14 ance, the anticipated monthly payment
15 amount under, at minimum, the standard
16 repayment plan and, using regionally avail-
17 able data from the Bureau of Labor Sta-
18 tistics of the average starting salary for
19 the occupation the borrower intends to be
20 employed, an income-based repayment plan
21 under section 493C;

22 “(iii) an estimate of the projected
23 monthly payment amount under each re-
24 payment plan described in clause (ii),
25 based on—

1 “(I) the outstanding balance de-
2 scribed in clause (i);

3 “(II) the anticipated outstanding
4 balance on the loan for which the stu-
5 dent is receiving counseling under this
6 subsection;

7 “(III) a projection for any other
8 loans made under part D that the
9 borrower is reasonably expected to ac-
10 cept during the borrower’s program of
11 study based on at least the expected
12 increase in the cost of attendance of
13 such program; and

14 “(iv) an explanation of how interest
15 accrues once a student borrower enters
16 into repayment status.

17 “(N) The obligation of the borrower to
18 repay the full amount of the loan, regardless of
19 whether the borrower completes or does not
20 complete the program in which the borrower is
21 enrolled within the regular time for program
22 completion.

23 “(O) The likely consequences of default on
24 the loan, including adverse credit reports, delin-
25 quent debt collection procedures under Federal

1 law, and litigation, and a notice of the institu-
2 tion’s most recent cohort default rate (defined
3 in section 435(m)), an explanation of the cohort
4 default rate, the most recent national average
5 cohort default rate, and the most recent na-
6 tional average cohort default rate for the cat-
7 egory of institution described in section
8 435(m)(4) to which the institution belongs.

9 “(P) Information on the National Student
10 Loan Data System and how the borrower can
11 access the borrower’s records.

12 “(Q) The contact information for the insti-
13 tution’s financial aid office or other appropriate
14 office at the institution the borrower may con-
15 tact if the borrower has any questions about the
16 borrower’s rights and responsibilities or the
17 terms and conditions of the loan.

18 “(4) BORROWERS RECEIVING PARENT PLUS
19 LOANS FOR DEPENDENT STUDENTS.—The informa-
20 tion to be provided under paragraph (1)(A) to a bor-
21 rower of a Federal Direct PLUS Loan made on be-
22 half of a dependent student shall include the fol-
23 lowing:

1 “(A) The information described in sub-
2 paragraphs (A) through (C) and (N) through
3 (Q) of paragraph (3).

4 “(B) The option of the borrower to pay the
5 interest on the loan while the loan is in
6 deferment.

7 “(C) For a first-time borrower of such
8 loan—

9 “(i) a statement of the anticipated
10 balance on the loan for which the borrower
11 is receiving counseling under this sub-
12 section;

13 “(ii) based on such anticipated bal-
14 ance, the anticipated monthly payment
15 amount under the standard repayment
16 plan; and

17 “(iii) an estimate of the projected
18 monthly payment amount under the stand-
19 ard repayment plan, based on the average
20 cumulative indebtedness of other borrowers
21 of Federal Direct PLUS Loans made on
22 behalf of dependent students who are in
23 the same program of study as the student
24 on whose behalf the borrower borrowed the
25 loan.

1 “(D) For a borrower with an outstanding
2 balance of principal or interest due on such
3 loan—

4 “(i) a statement of the amount of
5 such outstanding balance;

6 “(ii) based on such outstanding bal-
7 ance, the anticipated monthly payment
8 amount under the standard repayment
9 plan; and

10 “(iii) an estimate of the projected
11 monthly payment amount under the stand-
12 ard repayment plan, based on—

13 “(I) the outstanding balance de-
14 scribed in clause (i);

15 “(II) the anticipated outstanding
16 balance on the loan for which the bor-
17 rower is receiving counseling under
18 this subsection; and

19 “(III) a projection for any other
20 Federal Direct PLUS Loan made on
21 behalf of the dependent student that
22 the borrower is reasonably expected to
23 accept during the program of study of
24 such student based on at least the ex-

1 pected increase in the cost of attend-
2 ance of such program.

3 “(E) Debt management strategies that are
4 designed to facilitate the repayment of such in-
5 debtedness.

6 “(F) An explanation that the borrower has
7 the options to prepay each loan, pay each loan
8 on a shorter schedule, and change repayment
9 plans.

10 “(G) For each Federal Direct PLUS Loan
11 made on behalf of a dependent student for
12 which the borrower is receiving counseling
13 under this subsection, the contact information
14 for the loan servicer of the loan and a link to
15 such servicer’s website.

16 “(5) ANNUAL LOAN ACCEPTANCE.—Prior to
17 making the first disbursement of a loan made under
18 part D (other than a Federal Direct Consolidation
19 Loan) to a borrower for an award year, an eligible
20 institution, shall, as part of carrying out the coun-
21 seling requirements of this subsection for the loan,
22 ensure that after receiving the applicable counseling
23 under paragraphs (2), (3), and (4) for the loan the
24 borrower accepts the loan for such award year by—

1 “(A) signing the master promissory note
2 for the loan;

3 “(B) signing and returning to the institu-
4 tion a separate written statement that affirma-
5 tively states that the borrower accepts the loan;
6 or

7 “(C) electronically signing an electronic
8 version of the statement described in subpara-
9 graph (B).”.

10 **SEC. 202. EXIT COUNSELING.**

11 Section 485(b) of the Higher Education Act of 1965
12 (20 U.S.C. 1092(b)) is amended—

13 (1) in paragraph (1)(A)—

14 (A) in the matter preceding clause (i), by
15 striking “through financial aid offices or other-
16 wise” and inserting “through the use of an
17 interactive program, during an exit counseling
18 session that is in person or online, or through
19 the use of the online counseling tool described
20 in subsection (k)(1)(A)”;

21 (B) by redesignating clauses (i) through
22 (ix) as clauses (iv) through (xii), respectively;

23 (C) by inserting before clause (iv), as so
24 redesignated, the following:

1 “(i) a summary of the outstanding balance of
2 principal and interest due on the loans made to the
3 borrower under part B, D, or E;

4 “(ii) an explanation of the grace period pre-
5 ceding repayment and the expected date that the
6 borrower will enter repayment;

7 “(iii) an explanation that the borrower has the
8 option to pay any interest that has accrued while the
9 borrower was in school or that may accrue during
10 the grace period preceding repayment or during an
11 authorized period of deferment or forbearance, prior
12 to the capitalization of the interest; and

13 “(iv) an explanation of how interest accrues
14 once a student borrower enters into repayment sta-
15 tus, and an estimation of how much interest will ac-
16 crue over time under the standard repayment plan
17 and an income-based repayment plan under section
18 493C;”;

19 (D) in clause (iv), as so redesignated—

20 (i) by striking “sample information
21 showing the average” and inserting “infor-
22 mation, based on the borrower’s out-
23 standing balance described in clause (i),
24 showing the borrower’s”; and

1 (ii) by striking “of each plan” and in-
2 serting “of at least the standard repay-
3 ment plan and the income-based repay-
4 ment plan under section 493C”;

5 (E) in clause (ix), as so redesignated—

6 (i) by inserting “decreased credit
7 score,” after “credit reports,”; and

8 (ii) by inserting “reduced ability to
9 rent or purchase a home or car, potential
10 difficulty in securing employment,” after
11 “Federal law,”;

12 (F) in clause (x), as so redesignated, by
13 striking “consolidation loan under section 428C
14 or a”;

15 (G) in clauses (xi) and (xii), as so redesign-
16 ated, by striking “and” at the end; and

17 (H) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(xiii) for each of the borrower’s loans made
19 under part B, D, or E for which the borrower is re-
20 ceiving counseling under this subsection, the contact
21 information for the loan servicer of the loan and a
22 link to such servicer’s website; and

23 “(xiv) an explanation that an individual has a
24 right to annually request a disclosure of information
25 collected by a consumer reporting agency pursuant

1 to section 612(a) of the Fair Credit Reporting Act
2 (15 U.S.C. 1681j(a)).”;

3 (2) in paragraph (1)(B)—

4 (A) by inserting “online or” before “in
5 writing”; and

6 (B) by adding before the period at the end
7 the following: “, except that in the case of an
8 institution using the online counseling tool de-
9 scribed in subsection (k)(1)(A), the Secretary
10 shall attempt to provide such information to the
11 student in the manner described in subsection
12 (k)(3)(C)”;

13 (3) in paragraph (2)(C), by inserting “, such as
14 the online counseling tool described in subsection
15 (k)(1)(A),” after “electronic means”.

16 **SEC. 203. ONLINE COUNSELING TOOLS.**

17 Section 485(k) of the Higher Education Act of 1965
18 (20 U.S.C. 1092) is amended to read as follows:

19 “(k) ONLINE COUNSELING TOOLS.—

20 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Beginning not later than 1
21 year after the date of the enactment of the Achiev-
22 ing Independence through Degrees Act, the Sec-
23 retary shall maintain—

24 “(A) an online counseling tool that pro-
25 vides the exit counseling required under sub-

1 section (b) and meets the applicable require-
2 ments of this subsection; and

3 “(B) an online counseling tool that pro-
4 vides the annual counseling required under sub-
5 section (1) and meets the applicable require-
6 ments of this subsection.

7 “(2) REQUIREMENTS OF TOOLS.—In maintain-
8 ing the online counseling tools described in para-
9 graph (1), the Secretary shall ensure that each such
10 tool is—

11 “(A) consumer tested, in consultation with
12 other relevant Federal agencies, to ensure that
13 the tool is effective in helping individuals under-
14 stand their rights and obligations with respect
15 to borrowing a loan made under part D;

16 “(B) understandable to students who are
17 borrowers of loans made under part D; and

18 “(C) freely available to all eligible institu-
19 tions.

20 “(3) RECORD OF COUNSELING COMPLETION.—
21 The Secretary shall—

22 “(A) use each online counseling tool de-
23 scribed in paragraph (1) to keep a record of
24 which individuals have received counseling using
25 the tool, and notify the applicable institutions

1 of the individual’s completion of such coun-
2 seling;

3 “(B) in the case of a borrower who re-
4 ceives annual counseling for a loan made under
5 part D using the tool described in paragraph
6 (1)(B), notify the borrower by when the bor-
7 rower should accept, in a manner described in
8 subsection (l)(6), the loan for which the bor-
9 rower has received such counseling; and

10 “(C) in the case of a borrower described in
11 subsection (b)(1)(B) at an institution that uses
12 the online counseling tool described in para-
13 graph (1)(A) of this subsection, the Secretary
14 shall attempt to provide the information de-
15 scribed in subsection (b)(1)(A) to the borrower
16 through such tool.”.

17 **SEC. 204. LONGITUDINAL STUDY ON THE EFFECTIVENESS**
18 **OF STUDENT LOAN COUNSELING.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
20 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Edu-
21 cation, acting through the Director of the Institute of
22 Education Sciences, shall begin conducting a rigorous, lon-
23 gitudinal study of the impact and effectiveness of the stu-
24 dent loan counseling—

1 (1) provided under subsections (b), (l), and (k)
2 of section 485 of the Higher Education Act of 1965
3 (20 U.S.C. 1092), as amended by this Act; and

4 (2) provided through such other means as the
5 Secretary of Education may determine.

6 (b) CONTENTS.—

7 (1) BORROWER INFORMATION.—The longitu-
8 dinal study carried out under subsection (a) shall in-
9 clude borrower information, in the aggregate and
10 disaggregated by race, ethnicity, gender, income, and
11 status as an individual with a disability, on—

12 (A) student persistence;

13 (B) degree attainment;

14 (C) program completion;

15 (D) successful entry into student loan re-
16 payment;

17 (E) cumulative borrowing levels; and

18 (F) such other factors as the Secretary of
19 Education may determine.

20 (2) EXCEPTION.—The disaggregation under
21 paragraph (1) shall not be required in a case in
22 which the number of borrowers in a category is in-
23 sufficient to yield statistically reliable information or
24 the results would reveal personally identifiable infor-
25 mation about an individual borrower.

1 (c) INTERIM REPORTS.—Not later than 18 months
2 after the commencement of the study under subsection
3 (a), and annually thereafter, the Secretary of Education
4 shall evaluate the progress of the study and report any
5 short-term findings to the appropriate committees of Con-
6 gress.

7 **TITLE III—ADJUSTMENTS TO** 8 **THE FAFSA FORM**

9 **SEC. 301. PROVISIONAL INDEPENDENCE FOR CERTAIN STU-** 10 **DENTS.**

11 (a) AWARD YEAR 2022–2023.—Section 483 of the
12 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1090) is
13 amended—

14 (1) in subsection (h)(1), by inserting the fol-
15 lowing before the semicolon: “, including the special
16 circumstances under which a student may qualify for
17 a determination of independence”; and

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

19 “(i) PROVISIONAL INDEPENDENT STUDENTS.—

20 “(1) REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SECRETARY.—

21 The Secretary shall—

22 “(A) enable each student who, based on
23 the special circumstance specified in subsection
24 (h)(1), may qualify for an adjustment under
25 section 479A that will result in a determination

1 of independence under such section and section
2 480(d)(1)(I), to complete the forms developed
3 by the Secretary under subsection (a) as an
4 independent student for the purpose of a provi-
5 sional determination of the student’s Federal fi-
6 nancial aid award, but subject to verification
7 under paragraph (2)(E) for the purpose of the
8 final determination of the award;

9 “(B) upon completion of the forms devel-
10 oped by the Secretary under subsection (a),
11 provide an estimate of the student’s Federal
12 Pell Grant award, based on the assumption the
13 student is determined to be an independent stu-
14 dent;

15 “(C) ensure that, on each form developed
16 under this section, there is a single and easily
17 understood screening question to identify an ap-
18 plicant for aid who wishes to provisionally apply
19 for independent status under sections 479A and
20 480(d)(1)(I); and

21 “(D) specify, on the forms, the con-
22 sequences under section 490(a) of knowingly
23 and willfully completing the forms as an inde-
24 pendent student under subparagraph (A) with-

1 out meeting the special circumstances to qualify
2 for such a determination.

3 “(2) REQUIREMENTS FOR FINANCIAL AID AD-
4 MINISTRATORS.—With respect to a student accepted
5 for admission who completes the forms as an inde-
6 pendent student under paragraph (1)(A), a financial
7 aid administrator—

8 “(A) shall notify the student of the institu-
9 tional process and requirements for an adjust-
10 ment under sections 479A and 480(d)(1)(I)
11 that will result in a determination of independ-
12 ence under such sections within a reasonable
13 time after the student completes the forms de-
14 veloped by the Secretary under subsection (a)
15 as an independent student for the purpose of a
16 provisional determination of the student’s Fed-
17 eral financial aid award;

18 “(B) may make an adjustment under sec-
19 tions 479A and 480(d)(1)(I) for a determina-
20 tion of independence in the absence of con-
21 flicting information;

22 “(C) shall provide a final determination of
23 the student’s Federal financial aid award to the
24 student in the same manner as, and by not
25 later than the date that, the administrator pro-

1 provides most other provisionally independent stu-
2 dents their final determinations of Federal fi-
3 nancial aid awards, or during the award year in
4 which the student initially submits an applica-
5 tion, whichever comes sooner;

6 “(D) shall, in making a final determination
7 of the student’s Federal financial aid award,
8 use the discretion provided under sections 479A
9 and 480(d)(1)(I) to verify whether the student
10 meets the special circumstances to qualify as an
11 independent student;

12 “(E) in accordance with paragraph (B),
13 may consider as adequate verification that a
14 student qualifies for an adjustment under sec-
15 tions 479A and 480(d)(1)(I)—

16 “(i) submission of a court order or of-
17 ficial Federal or State documentation that
18 the student’s parent or legal guardian is
19 incarcerated in any Federal or State penal
20 institution;

21 “(ii) a documented phone call with, or
22 a written statement from—

23 “(I) a child welfare agency au-
24 thorized by a State or county;

1 “(II) a Tribal child welfare au-
2 thority;

3 “(III) an independent living case
4 worker; or

5 “(IV) a public or private agency,
6 facility, or program serving the vic-
7 tims of abuse, neglect, assault, or vio-
8 lence;

9 “(iii) a documented phone call with,
10 or a written statement from, an attorney,
11 a guardian ad litem, or a court appointed
12 special advocate, documenting that per-
13 son’s relationship to the student;

14 “(iv) a documented phone call with, or
15 a written statement from, a representative
16 of a program under chapter 1 or 2 of sub-
17 part 2 of part A; or

18 “(v) submission of a copy of the stu-
19 dent’s biological or adoptive parents’ or
20 legal guardians’—

21 “(I) certificates of death; or

22 “(II) verified obituaries;

23 “(F) if a student does not have, and can-
24 not get, documentation from any of the des-
25 ignated authorities described in subparagraph

1 (E) of whether a student may qualify for an ad-
2 justment under sections 479A and 480(d)(1)(I)
3 that will result in a determination of independ-
4 ence, may base the verification and final deter-
5 mination on—

6 “(i) a documented interview with the
7 student that is limited to whether the stu-
8 dent meets the requirements, and not
9 about the reasons for the student’s situa-
10 tions; and

11 “(ii) an attestation from the student
12 that they meet the requirements, which in-
13 cludes a description of the approximate
14 dates that the student ended the financial
15 or caregiving relationship with their parent
16 or legal guardian, to the best of the stu-
17 dent’s knowledge;

18 “(G) retain all documents related to the
19 adjustment under sections 479A and
20 480(d)(1)(I), including documented interviews,
21 for the duration of the student’s enrollment at
22 the institution and for a minimum of 1 year
23 after the student is no longer enrolled at the in-
24 stitution; and

1 “(H) shall presume that any student who
2 has obtained an adjustment under sections
3 479A and 480(d)(1)(I) and a final determina-
4 tion of independence for a preceding award year
5 at an institution to be independent for a subse-
6 quent award year at the same institution un-
7 less—

8 “(i) the student informs the institu-
9 tion that circumstances have changed; or

10 “(ii) the institution has specific con-
11 flicting information about the student’s
12 independence.”.

13 (b) AWARD YEAR 2023–2024, AND EACH SUBSE-
14 QUENT AWARD YEAR.—Section 483 of the Higher Edu-
15 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1090), as amended by the
16 FAFSA Simplification Act under section 703 of division
17 FF of Public Law 116–260, is further amended—

18 (1) in subsection (b)(1)(A), by inserting the fol-
19 lowing before the semicolon: “, including the special
20 circumstances under which a student may qualify for
21 a determination of independence”; and

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

23 “(e) PROVISIONAL INDEPENDENT STUDENTS.—

24 “(1) REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SECRETARY.—

25 The Secretary shall—

1 “(A) enable each student who, based on
2 the special circumstance specified in subsection
3 (b)(1)(A), may qualify for an adjustment under
4 section 479A that will result in a determination
5 of independence under such section and section
6 480(d), to complete the forms developed by the
7 Secretary under subsection (a) as an inde-
8 pendent student for the purpose of a provisional
9 determination of the student’s Federal financial
10 aid award, but subject to verification under
11 paragraph (2)(E) for the purpose of the final
12 determination of the award;

13 “(B) upon completion of the forms devel-
14 oped by the Secretary under subsection (a),
15 provide an estimate of the student’s Federal
16 Pell Grant award, based on the assumption the
17 student is determined to be an independent stu-
18 dent;

19 “(C) ensure that, on each form developed
20 under this section, there is a single and easily
21 understood screening question to identify an ap-
22 plicant for aid who wishes to provisionally apply
23 for independent status under sections 479A and
24 480(d); and

1 “(D) specify, on the forms, the con-
2 sequences under section 490(a) of knowingly
3 and willfully completing the forms as an inde-
4 pendent student under subparagraph (A) with-
5 out meeting the special circumstances to qualify
6 for such a determination.

7 “(2) REQUIREMENTS FOR FINANCIAL AID AD-
8 MINISTRATORS.—With respect to a student accepted
9 for admission who completes the forms as an inde-
10 pendent student under paragraph (1)(A), a financial
11 aid administrator—

12 “(A) shall notify the student of the institu-
13 tional process and requirements for an adjust-
14 ment under sections 479A and 480(d) that will
15 result in a determination of independence under
16 such sections within a reasonable time after the
17 student completes the forms developed by the
18 Secretary under subsection (a) as an inde-
19 pendent student for the purpose of a provisional
20 determination of the student’s Federal financial
21 aid award;

22 “(B) may make an adjustment under sec-
23 tions 479A and 480(d) for a determination of
24 independence in the absence of conflicting infor-
25 mation;

1 “(C) shall provide a final determination of
2 the student’s Federal financial aid award to the
3 student in the same manner as, and by not
4 later than the date that, the administrator pro-
5 vides most other provisionally independent stu-
6 dents their final determinations of Federal fi-
7 nancial aid awards, or during the award year in
8 which the student initially submits an applica-
9 tion, whichever comes sooner;

10 “(D) shall, in making a final determination
11 of the student’s Federal financial aid award,
12 use the discretion provided under sections
13 479A(c) and 480(d) to verify whether the stu-
14 dent meets the special circumstances to qualify
15 as an independent student;

16 “(E) in accordance with paragraph (B),
17 may consider as adequate verification that a
18 student qualifies for an adjustment under sec-
19 tions 479A(c) and 480(d)—

20 “(i) submission of a court order or of-
21 ficial Federal or State documentation that
22 the student’s parent or legal guardian is
23 incarcerated in any Federal or State penal
24 institution;

1 “(ii) a documented phone call with, or
2 a written statement from—

3 “(I) a child welfare agency au-
4 thorized by a State or county;

5 “(II) a Tribal child welfare au-
6 thority;

7 “(III) an independent living case
8 worker; or

9 “(IV) a public or private agency,
10 facility, or program serving the vic-
11 tims of abuse, neglect, assault, or vio-
12 lence;

13 “(iii) a documented phone call with,
14 or a written statement from, an attorney,
15 a guardian ad litem, or a court appointed
16 special advocate, documenting that per-
17 son’s relationship to the student;

18 “(iv) a documented phone call with, or
19 a written statement from, a representative
20 of a program under chapter 1 or 2 of sub-
21 part 2 of part A; or

22 “(v) submission of a copy of the stu-
23 dent’s biological or adoptive parents’ or
24 legal guardians’—

25 “(I) certificates of death; or

1 “(II) verified obituaries;

2 “(F) if a student does not have, and can-
3 not get, documentation from any of the des-
4 ignated authorities described in subparagraph
5 (E) of whether a student may qualify for an ad-
6 justment under sections 479A and 480(d) that
7 will result in a determination of independence,
8 may base the verification and final determina-
9 tion on—

10 “(i) a documented interview with the
11 student that is limited to whether the stu-
12 dent meets the requirements, and not
13 about the reasons for the student’s situa-
14 tions; and

15 “(ii) an attestation from the student
16 that they meet the requirements, which in-
17 cludes a description of the approximate
18 dates that the student ended the financial
19 or caregiving relationship with their parent
20 or legal guardian, to the best of the stu-
21 dent’s knowledge;

22 “(G) retain all documents related to the
23 adjustment under sections 479A and 480(d),
24 including documented interviews, for the dura-
25 tion of the student’s enrollment at the institu-

1 tion and for a minimum of 1 year after the stu-
2 dent is no longer enrolled at the institution; and

3 “(H) shall presume that any student who
4 has obtained an adjustment under sections
5 479A and 480(d) and a final determination of
6 independence for a preceding award year at an
7 institution to be independent for a subsequent
8 award year at the same institution unless—

9 “(i) the student informs the institu-
10 tion that circumstances have changed; or

11 “(ii) the institution has specific con-
12 flicting information about the student’s
13 independence.”.

14 **SEC. 302. REVISION OF FAFSA FORM.**

15 (a) AWARD YEAR 2022–2023.—Section 483 of the
16 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1090), as
17 amended by section 301, is further amended by adding
18 at the end the following:

19 “(j) CONVICTIONS.—The Secretary shall not include
20 any question about the conviction of an applicant for the
21 possession or sale of illegal drugs on the FAFSA (or any
22 other form developed under subsection (a)).”.

23 (b) AWARD YEAR 2023–2024, AND EACH SUBSE-
24 QUENT AWARD YEAR.—Section 483 of the Higher Edu-
25 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1090), as amended by the

1 FAFSA Simplification Act under section 703 of division
2 FF of Public Law 116–260, is further amended by adding
3 at the end the following:

4 “(f) CONVICTIONS.—The Secretary shall not include
5 any question about the conviction of an applicant for the
6 possession or sale of illegal drugs on the Free Application
7 for Federal Student Aid (or any other form developed
8 under this section).”.

9 **TITLE IV—FINANCIAL AID**
10 **SHOPPING SHEET**

11 **SEC. 401. SECRETARIAL REQUIREMENTS.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
13 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Edu-
14 cation, in consultation with the Secretaries of Defense and
15 Veterans Affairs, shall develop and finalize a financial
16 shopping sheet that ensures each institution of higher edu-
17 cation provides meaningful information about the financial
18 cost and quality of such institution to students (including
19 students who have authorized the Department of Edu-
20 cation to send the student’s Institutional Student Infor-
21 mation Record to such institution) to assist such students
22 in determining how to use financial aid to attend such in-
23 stitution, and which—

24 (1) is standardized so that it can be used by all
25 institutions of higher education;

1 (2) is consumer tested, and presented in a man-
2 ner that is simple and easily understandable; and

3 (3) is personalized for each student who re-
4 ceives such sheet by including—

5 (A) the cost of attendance of the edu-
6 cational program in which the student is en-
7 rolled or seeks to be enrolled;

8 (B) the type of Federal educational bene-
9 fits available to assist in covering such cost of
10 attendance, including loans and grants under
11 title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965;

12 (C) the amount of financial aid, including
13 Federal, State, institutional, or other aid that
14 can be used to assist in covering such cost of
15 attendance;

16 (D) information about student outcomes
17 for students who graduate from such edu-
18 cational program, including, based upon the
19 most recent data available—

20 (i) the graduation rate;

21 (ii) the loan repayment rate; and

22 (iii) the estimated loan debt upon
23 graduation; and

1 (E) any other information that facilitates
2 comparison of aid packages offered by different
3 institutions of higher education.

4 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

5 (1) COST OF ATTENDANCE.—The term “cost of
6 attendance” has the meaning given the term in sec-
7 tion 472 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
8 U.S.C. 10871l).

9 (2) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The
10 term “institution of higher education” has the
11 meaning given the term in section 102 of the Higher
12 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002).

13 **SEC. 402. REQUIREMENTS FOR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER**
14 **EDUCATION.**

15 Section 487(a) of the Higher Education Act of 1965
16 (20 U.S.C. 1094(a)) is amended by adding at the end the
17 following:

18 “(30) The institution will use a financial aid
19 shopping sheet described in 401(a) of the Achieving
20 Independence through Degrees Act as its sole finan-
21 cial award letter or include such sheet as a supple-
22 mental cover to such financial award letter.”.

1 **TITLE V—SNAP AND HIGHER**
2 **EDUCATION**

3 **SEC. 501. SNAP TREATMENT OF LIVING EXPENSES IN-**
4 **CLUDED IN EDUCATIONAL LOANS.**

5 Section 5 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7
6 U.S.C. 2014) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (d)—

8 (A) in paragraph (3)(B) by striking “other
9 than” and inserting “including”; and

10 (B) in the proviso of paragraph (5) by
11 striking “, and no portion” and all that follows
12 through “expenses,”; and

13 (2) in subsection (k)—

14 (A) by striking paragraph (3); and

15 (B) by redesignating paragraph (4) as
16 paragraph (3).

17 **SEC. 502. ELIGIBILITY OF STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN**
18 **THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSIST-**
19 **ANCE PROGRAM.**

20 Section 6 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7
21 U.S.C. 2015) is amended—

22 (1) in subsection (e)—

23 (A) in paragraph (4), by striking “em-
24 ployed” and inserting “attending an institution
25 of higher education (as defined in section 102

1 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
2 U.S.C. 1002)) or employed, in the aggregate,”;

3 (B) in paragraph (7), by striking “or” at
4 the end;

5 (C) in paragraph (8), by striking the pe-
6 riod at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

7 (D) by adding at the end the following:

8 “(9) has an expected family contribution of
9 zero, as determined by the procedures established in
10 part F of title IV of the Higher Education Act of
11 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087kk–1087vv); or

12 “(10) is determined to be ‘independent’ based
13 on one of the criteria specified in subparagraphs
14 (B), (C), (D), (G), and (H) of section 480(d)(1) of
15 the Higher Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1087vv).”;
16 and

17 (2) in subsection (o)(2)(A), by striking “work”
18 and inserting “attending an institution of higher
19 education (as defined in section 102 of the Higher
20 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002)) or work,
21 in the aggregate,”.

1 **TITLE VI—ADJUSTMENTS TO**
2 **CAMPUS-BASED STUDENT FI-**
3 **NANCIAL AID PROGRAMS**

4 **PART 1—FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL**
5 **EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GRANTS**

6 **SEC. 601. PURPOSE; APPROPRIATIONS AUTHORIZED.**

7 Section 413A of the Higher Education Act of 1965
8 (20 U.S.C. 1070b) is amended—

9 (1) by amending subsection (a) to read as fol-
10 lows:

11 “(a) PURPOSE OF SUBPART.—It is the purpose of
12 this subpart to—

13 “(1) provide, through institutions of higher edu-
14 cation, supplemental grants to assist in making
15 available the benefits of postsecondary education to
16 qualified students who demonstrate financial need in
17 accordance with the provisions of part F of this title;
18 and

19 “(2) to establish demonstration projects at var-
20 ious institutions of higher education, as defined in
21 section 101, to determine best practices and policies
22 regarding the distribution of emergency grant aid to
23 assist students in completing their program of study,
24 notwithstanding aid they may have received in ac-
25 cordance with the provisions of part F of this title.”;

1 (2) in subsection (b)(1), by striking “appropriated” and all that follows through the end and inserting “appropriated—

4 “(A) \$1,150,000,000 for fiscal year 2022;

5 “(B) \$1,300,000,000 for fiscal year 2023;

6 “(C) \$1,450,000,000 for fiscal year 2024;

7 “(D) \$1,600,000,000 for fiscal year 2025;

8 and

9 “(E) \$1,750,000,000 for fiscal year 2026

10 and each succeeding fiscal year.”;

11 (3) by redesignating paragraph (2) as paragraph (3); and

12 (4) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following:

15 “(2) For the purpose of enabling the Secretary
16 to fund demonstration projects under section
17 413(F), there are allocated, from funds authorized
18 under paragraph (b)(1), \$1,250,000 for fiscal year
19 2022 and each of the 3 succeeding fiscal years.”.

20 **SEC. 602. ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.**

21 Section 413D of the Higher Education Act of 1965
22 (20 U.S.C. 1070b–3) is amended to read as follows:

23 **“SEC. 413D. ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.**

24 “(a) ALLOCATION FORMULA FOR FISCAL YEARS
25 2022 THROUGH 2026.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—From the amount appro-
2 priated under section 413A(b)(1) for a fiscal year,
3 the Secretary shall allocate to each institution—

4 “(A) for fiscal year 2022, an amount equal
5 to the greater of—

6 “(i) 90 percent of the amount the in-
7 stitution received under subsection (a) for
8 fiscal year 2021, as such subsection was in
9 effect with respect to such fiscal year (in
10 this subparagraph referred to as ‘the 2021
11 amount for the institution’); or

12 “(ii) the fair share amount for the in-
13 stitution determined under subsection (c);

14 “(B) for fiscal year 2023, an amount equal
15 to the greater of—

16 “(i) 80 percent of the 2021 amount
17 for the institution; or

18 “(ii) the fair share amount for the in-
19 stitution determined under subsection (c);

20 “(C) for fiscal year 2024, an amount equal
21 to the greater of—

22 “(i) 60 percent of the 2021 amount
23 for the institution; or

24 “(ii) the fair share amount for the in-
25 stitution determined under subsection (c);

1 “(D) for fiscal year 2025, an amount equal
2 to the greater of—

3 “(i) 40 percent of the 2021 amount
4 for the institution; or

5 “(ii) the fair share amount for the in-
6 stitution determined under subsection (c);

7 and

8 “(E) for fiscal year 2026, an amount equal
9 to the greater of—

10 “(i) 20 percent of the 2021 amount
11 for the institution; or

12 “(ii) the fair share amount for the in-
13 stitution determined under subsection (c).

14 “(2) RATABLE REDUCTION.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—If the amount appro-
16 priated under section 413A(b)(1) for a fiscal
17 year is less than the amount required to be allo-
18 cated to the institutions under this subsection,
19 then the amount of the allocation to each insti-
20 tution shall be ratably reduced.

21 “(B) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS.—If
22 the amounts allocated to each institution are
23 ratably reduced under subparagraph (A) for a
24 fiscal year and additional amounts are appro-
25 priated for such fiscal year, the amount allo-

1 cated to each institution from the additional
2 amounts shall be increased on the same basis as
3 the amounts under subparagraph (A) were re-
4 duced (until each institution receives the
5 amount required to be allocated under this sub-
6 section).

7 “(b) ALLOCATION FORMULA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027
8 AND EACH SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEAR.—From the
9 amount appropriated under section 413A(b)(1) for fiscal
10 year 2027 and each succeeding fiscal year, the Secretary
11 shall allocate to each institution the fair share amount for
12 the institution determined under subsection (c).

13 “(c) DETERMINATION OF FAIR SHARE AMOUNT.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),
15 the fair share amount for an institution for a fiscal
16 year shall be equal to the sum of the institution’s
17 undergraduate student need described in paragraph
18 (2) for the preceding fiscal year.

19 “(2) INSTITUTIONAL UNDERGRADUATE STU-
20 DENT NEED.—The undergraduate student need for
21 an institution for a fiscal year shall be equal to the
22 sum of the following:

23 “(A) An amount equal to 50 percent of the
24 amount that bears the same proportion to the
25 available appropriated amount for such fiscal

1 year as the total amount of Federal Pell Grant
2 funds awarded at the institution for the pre-
3 ceding fiscal year bears to the total amount of
4 Federal Pell Grant funds awarded at all institu-
5 tions participating under this part for the pre-
6 ceding fiscal year.

7 “(B) An amount equal to 50 percent of the
8 amount that bears the same proportion to the
9 available appropriated amount for such fiscal
10 year as the total amount of the undergraduate
11 student need at the institution for the preceding
12 fiscal year bears to the total amount of under-
13 graduate student need at all institutions partici-
14 pating under this part for the preceding fiscal
15 year.

16 “(3) ELIGIBILITY FOR FAIR SHARE AMOUNT.—
17 The Secretary may not allocate funds under this
18 part to any institution that, for 2 or more fiscal
19 years during any 3 fiscal year period beginning not
20 earlier than the first day of the first fiscal year that
21 is 2 years after the date of the enactment of this
22 paragraph, has a student population with less than
23 7 percent of undergraduate students who are recipi-
24 ents of Federal Pell Grants.”.

1 **PART 2—FEDERAL WORK-STUDY PROGRAMS**

2 **SEC. 610. PURPOSE; AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

3 Section 441 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
4 U.S.C. 1087–51) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (b), by striking “part, such
6 sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 2009 and
7 each of the five succeeding fiscal years.” and insert-
8 ing “part—

9 “(1) \$1,500,000,000 for fiscal year 2022;

10 “(2) \$1,750,000,000 for fiscal year 2023;

11 “(3) \$2,000,000,000 for fiscal year 2024;

12 “(4) \$2,250,000,000 for fiscal year 2025; and

13 “(5) \$2,500,000,000 for fiscal year 2026 and
14 each succeeding fiscal year.”;

15 (2) in subsection (c)—

16 (A) in paragraph (3), by striking “and”;

17 (B) in paragraph (4)(C), by striking the
18 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

19 (C) by adding at the end the following:

20 “(5) work-based learning designed to give stu-
21 dents experience in any activity described in para-
22 graph (1), (2), (3), or (4), whether or not credit is
23 awarded.”; and

24 (3) by adding at the end the following:

25 “(d) **WORK-BASED LEARNING DEFINED.**—For pur-
26 poses of this part, the term ‘work-based learning’ means

1 sustained interactions with industry, community, or aca-
2 demic professionals in real workplace settings that—

3 “(1) foster in-depth, first-hand engagement
4 with the tasks required of a given career field that
5 are aligned to a student’s field of study; and

6 “(2) may include internships, fellowships, and
7 apprenticeships.”.

8 **SEC. 611. ALLOCATION FORMULA.**

9 Section 442 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
10 U.S.C. 1087–52) is amended to read as follows:

11 “(a) RESERVATIONS.—

12 “(1) RESERVATION FOR IMPROVED INSTITU-
13 TIONS.—

14 “(A) AMOUNT OF RESERVATION FOR IM-
15 PROVED INSTITUTIONS.—Beginning with the
16 first fiscal year that is 2 years after the date
17 of the enactment of the AID Act, for a fiscal
18 year in which the amount appropriated under
19 section 441(b) exceeds \$700,000,000, the Sec-
20 retary shall—

21 “(i) reserve the lesser of—

22 “(I) an amount equal to 20 per-
23 cent of the amount by which the
24 amount appropriated under section
25 441(b) exceeds \$700,000,000; or

1 “(II) \$150,000,000; and

2 “(ii) allocate the amount reserved
3 under clause (i) to each improved institu-
4 tion in an amount equal to the greater of
5 the following:

6 “(I) The amount that bears the
7 same proportion to the amount re-
8 served under clause (i) as the total
9 amount of all Federal Pell Grant
10 funds awarded at the improved insti-
11 tution for the second preceding fiscal
12 year bears to the total amount of Fed-
13 eral Pell Grant funds awarded at im-
14 proved institutions participating under
15 this part for the second preceding fis-
16 cal year.

17 “(II) \$5,000.

18 “(B) IMPROVED INSTITUTION DE-
19 SCRIBED.—For purposes of this paragraph, an
20 improved institution is an institution that, on
21 the date the Secretary makes an allocation
22 under subparagraph (A)(ii)—

23 “(i) is an institution of higher edu-
24 cation (as defined under section 101);

1 “(ii) meets the requirements of sub-
2 section (d)(5); and

3 “(iii) is with respect to—

4 “(I) the completion rate or grad-
5 uation rate of Federal Pell Grant re-
6 cipients at the institution, in the top
7 75 percent of all institutions partici-
8 pating under this part for the pre-
9 ceding fiscal year;

10 “(II) the percentage of Federal
11 Pell Grant recipients at the institu-
12 tion, in the top 50 percent of the in-
13 stitutions described in subclause (I);
14 and

15 “(III) the annual increase in the
16 completion rate or graduation rate of
17 Federal Pell Grant recipients at the
18 institution, in the top 50 percent of
19 the institutions described in sub-
20 clauses (I) and (II).

21 “(C) COMPLETION RATE OR GRADUATION
22 RATE.—For purposes of determining the com-
23 pletion rate or graduation rate under this sec-
24 tion, a Federal Pell Grant recipient who is ei-
25 ther a full-time student or a part-time student

1 shall be counted as a completer or graduate if,
2 within 150 percent of the normal time for com-
3 pletion of or graduation from the program, the
4 student has completed or graduated from the
5 program, or enrolled in any program of an in-
6 stitution participating in any program under
7 this title for which the prior program provides
8 substantial preparation.

9 “(2) RESERVATION FOR GRANT PROGRAM.—
10 From the amount appropriated under section 441(b)
11 for a fiscal year and remaining after the Secretary
12 reserves funds under subparagraph (A), the Sec-
13 retary shall reserve \$30,000,000 to carry out grants
14 under section 449.

15 “(3) REALLOCATION OF AMOUNT RETURNED BY
16 IMPROVED INSTITUTIONS.—If an institution returns
17 to the Secretary any portion of the sums allocated
18 to such institution under this subsection for any fis-
19 cal year, the Secretary shall reallocate such excess to
20 improved institutions on the same basis as under
21 paragraph (1)(A).

22 “(4) PUBLICATION.—Beginning 1 year after
23 the first allocations are made to improved institu-
24 tions under paragraph (1)(A) and annually there-
25 after, the Secretary shall make publicly available—

1 “(A) a list of the improved institutions
2 that received funding under such paragraph in
3 the prior fiscal year;

4 “(B) the percentage of students at each
5 such improved institution that are Federal Pell
6 Grant recipients;

7 “(C) the completion rate or graduation
8 rate for the students described in subparagraph
9 (B) with respect to each such improved institu-
10 tion; and

11 “(D) a comparison between the informa-
12 tion described in subparagraphs (A), (B), and
13 (C) for the prior fiscal year for such improved
14 institution, and such information for the year
15 prior to such year.

16 “(b) ALLOCATION FORMULA FOR FISCAL YEARS
17 2022 THROUGH 2026.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—From the amount appro-
19 priated under section 441(b) for a fiscal year and re-
20 maining after the Secretary reserves funds under
21 subsection (a), the Secretary shall allocate to each
22 institution—

23 “(A) for fiscal year 2022, an amount equal
24 to the greater of—

1 “(i) 90 percent of the amount the in-
2 stitution received under this subsection
3 and subsection (a) for fiscal year 2022, as
4 such subsections were in effect with re-
5 spect to such fiscal year (in this subpara-
6 graph referred to as ‘the 2022 amount for
7 the institution’); or

8 “(ii) the fair share amount for the in-
9 stitution determined under subsection (d);

10 “(B) for fiscal year 2023, an amount equal
11 to the greater of—

12 “(i) 80 percent of the 2022 amount
13 for the institution; or

14 “(ii) the fair share amount for the in-
15 stitution determined under subsection (d);

16 “(C) for fiscal year 2024, an amount equal
17 to the greater of—

18 “(i) 60 percent of the 2022 amount
19 for the institution; or

20 “(ii) the fair share amount for the in-
21 stitution determined under subsection (d);

22 “(D) for fiscal year 2025, an amount equal
23 to the greater of—

24 “(i) 40 percent of the 2022 amount
25 for the institution; or

1 “(ii) the fair share amount for the in-
2 stitution determined under subsection (d);
3 and

4 “(E) for fiscal year 2026, an amount equal
5 to the greater of—

6 “(i) 20 percent of the 2022 amount
7 for the institution; or

8 “(ii) the fair share amount for the in-
9 stitution determined under subsection (d).

10 “(2) RATABLE REDUCTION.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—If the amount appro-
12 priated under section 441(b) for a fiscal year
13 and remaining after the Secretary reserves
14 funds under subsection (a) is less than the
15 amount required to be allocated to the institu-
16 tions under this subsection, then the amount of
17 the allocation to each institution shall be rat-
18 ably reduced.

19 “(B) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS.—If
20 the amounts allocated to each institution are
21 ratably reduced under subparagraph (A) for a
22 fiscal year and additional amounts are appro-
23 priated for such fiscal year, the amount allo-
24 cated to each institution from the additional
25 amounts shall be increased on the same basis as

1 the amounts under subparagraph (A) were re-
2 duced (until each institution receives the
3 amount required to be allocated under this sub-
4 section).

5 “(c) ALLOCATION FORMULA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027
6 AND EACH SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEAR.—Except as pro-
7 vided in subsection (d)(5), from the amount appropriated
8 under section 441(b) for fiscal year 2027 and each suc-
9 ceeding fiscal year and remaining after the Secretary re-
10 serves funds under subsection (a), the Secretary shall allo-
11 cate to each institution the fair share amount for the insti-
12 tution determined under subsection (d).

13 “(d) DETERMINATION OF FAIR SHARE AMOUNT.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),
15 the fair share amount for an institution for a fiscal
16 year shall be equal to the sum of—

17 “(A) 100 percent of the institution’s un-
18 dergraduate student need described in para-
19 graph (2) for the preceding fiscal year; and

20 “(B) 25 percent of the institution’s grad-
21 uate student need described in paragraph (3)
22 for the preceding fiscal year.

23 “(2) INSTITUTIONAL UNDERGRADUATE STU-
24 DENT NEED.—The undergraduate student need for

1 an institution for a fiscal year shall be equal to the
2 sum of the following:

3 “(A) An amount equal to 50 percent of the
4 amount that bears the same proportion to the
5 available appropriated amount for such fiscal
6 year as the total amount of Federal Pell Grant
7 funds awarded at the institution for the pre-
8 ceeding fiscal year bears to the total amount of
9 Federal Pell Grant funds awarded at all institu-
10 tions participating under this part for the pre-
11 ceeding fiscal year.

12 “(B) An amount equal to 50 percent of the
13 amount that bears the same proportion to the
14 available appropriated amount for such fiscal
15 year as the total amount of the undergraduate
16 student need at the institution for the preceding
17 fiscal year bears to the total amount of under-
18 graduate student need at all institutions partici-
19 pating under this part for the preceding fiscal
20 year.

21 “(3) INSTITUTIONAL GRADUATE STUDENT
22 NEED.—The graduate student need for an institu-
23 tion for a fiscal year shall be equal to the amount
24 that bears the same proportion to the available ap-
25 propriated amount for such fiscal year as the total

1 amount of the graduate student need at the institu-
2 tion for the preceding fiscal year bears to the total
3 amount of graduate student need at all institutions
4 participating under this part for the preceding fiscal
5 year.

6 “(4) ELIGIBILITY FOR FAIR SHARE AMOUNT.—
7 The Secretary may not allocate funds under this
8 part to any institution that, for two or more fiscal
9 years during any three fiscal year period beginning
10 not earlier than the first day of the first fiscal year
11 that is 2 years after the date of the enactment of
12 this paragraph, has—

13 “(A) a student population with less than 7
14 percent of undergraduate students who are re-
15 cipients of Federal Pell Grants; or

16 “(B) if the institution only enrolls grad-
17 uate students, a student population with less
18 than 5 percent of students that have an ex-
19 pected family contribution of zero.

20 “(5) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

21 “(A) AVAILABLE APPROPRIATED
22 AMOUNT.—In this section, the term ‘available
23 appropriated amount’ means—

24 “(i) the amount appropriated under
25 section 441(b) for a fiscal year, minus

1 “(ii) the amounts reserved under sub-
2 section (a) for such fiscal year.

3 “(B) AVERAGE COST OF ATTENDANCE.—

4 The term ‘average cost of attendance’ means,
5 with respect to an institution, the average of
6 the attendance costs for a fiscal year for stu-
7 dents which shall include—

8 “(i) tuition and fees, computed on the
9 basis of information reported by the insti-
10 tution to the Secretary, which shall in-
11 clude—

12 “(I) total revenue received by the
13 institution from undergraduate and
14 graduate tuition and fees for the sec-
15 ond year preceding the year for which
16 it is applying for an allocation; and

17 “(II) the institution’s enrollment
18 for such second preceding year;

19 “(ii) standard living expenses equal to
20 150 percent of the difference between the
21 income protection allowance for a family of
22 five with one in college and the income
23 protection allowance for a family of six
24 with one in college for a single independent
25 student; and

1 “(iii) books and supplies, in an
2 amount not exceeding \$1,000.

3 “(C) GRADUATE STUDENT NEED.—The
4 term ‘graduate student need’ means, with re-
5 spect to a graduate student for a fiscal year,
6 the lesser of the following:

7 “(i) The amount equal to (except the
8 amount computed by this clause shall not
9 be less than zero)—

10 “(I) the average cost of attend-
11 ance for the preceding fiscal year,
12 minus

13 “(II) each such graduate stu-
14 dent’s expected family contribution
15 (computed in accordance with part F
16 of this title) for the preceding fiscal
17 year.

18 “(ii) The total loan limit for a Federal
19 Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan.

20 “(D) UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT NEED.—
21 The term ‘undergraduate student need’ means,
22 with respect to an undergraduate student for a
23 fiscal year, the lesser of the following:

1 “(i) The total of the amount equal to
2 (except the amount computed by this
3 clause shall not be less than zero)—

4 “(I) the average cost of attend-
5 ance for the fiscal year, minus

6 “(II) each such undergraduate
7 student’s expected family contribution
8 (computed in accordance with part F
9 of this title) for the preceding fiscal
10 year.

11 “(ii) The total loan limit for a Federal
12 Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan and a
13 Federal Direct Loan.

14 “(e) RETURN OF SURPLUS ALLOCATED FUNDS.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Except with respect to
16 funds returned under subsection (a)(3), if an institu-
17 tion returns to the Secretary any portion of the
18 sums allocated to such institution under this section
19 for any fiscal year, the Secretary shall reallocate such
20 excess to institutions that used at least 10 percent
21 of the total amount of funds granted to such institu-
22 tion under this section to compensate students em-
23 ployed during a qualified period of nonenrollment
24 (as such term is defined in section 443(f)) on the

1 same basis as excess eligible amounts are allocated
2 under subsection (d).

3 “(2) USE OF FUNDS.—Funds received by insti-
4 tutions pursuant to this subsection shall be used to
5 compensate students employed in work-based learn-
6 ing positions.

7 “(3) RETAINED FUNDS.—

8 “(A) AMOUNT RETURNED.—If an institu-
9 tion returns more than 10 percent of its alloca-
10 tion under paragraph (1), the institution’s allo-
11 cation for the next fiscal year shall be reduced
12 by the amount returned.

13 “(B) WAIVER.—The Secretary may waive
14 this paragraph for a specific institution if the
15 Secretary finds that enforcing this paragraph
16 would be contrary to the interest of the pro-
17 gram.

18 “(f) FILING DEADLINES.—The Secretary may re-
19 quire applications under this section, at such time, in such
20 manner, and containing such information as the Secretary
21 may require.”.

22 **SEC. 612. GRANTS FOR FEDERAL WORK-STUDY PROGRAMS.**

23 Section 443 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
24 U.S.C. 1087–53) is amended—

25 (1) in subsection (b)—

1 (A) by amending paragraph (2)(A) to read
2 as follows:

3 “(A) for fiscal year 2022 and succeeding
4 fiscal years, an institution shall (unless the Sec-
5 retary determines that enforcing this subpara-
6 graph would cause hardship for students at the
7 institution) use—

8 “(i) at least 7 percent of the total
9 amount of funds granted to such institu-
10 tion under this section for such fiscal year
11 to compensate students employed in work-
12 based learning positions; and

13 “(ii) at least 3 percent of the total
14 amount of funds granted to such institu-
15 tion under this section for such fiscal year
16 to compensate students who have excep-
17 tional need (as defined in section
18 413C(c)(2)) and are employed in a work-
19 based learning position during a qualified
20 period of nonenrollment, as defined in sub-
21 section (f).”;

22 (B) in paragraph (4)—

23 (i) by striking “\$300” and inserting
24 “\$500”; and

1 (ii) by inserting “except as provided
2 under subsection (f),” before “provide”;

3 (C) in paragraph (5), by striking “75 per-
4 cent” each place it appears and inserting “75
5 percent in the first year after the date of the
6 enactment of the AID Act, 65 percent in the
7 first succeeding fiscal year, 60 percent in the
8 second succeeding fiscal year, 55 percent in the
9 third succeeding fiscal year, and 50 percent
10 each succeeding fiscal year”;

11 (D) in paragraph (6)—

12 (i) by inserting “who demonstrate ex-
13 ceptional need (as defined in section
14 413C(c)(2))” after “students”; and

15 (ii) by inserting after “institution”,
16 “and prioritize employment for students
17 who are currently or formerly homeless
18 children and youths (as such term is de-
19 fined in section 725 of the McKinney-
20 Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C.
21 11434a)) or foster care children and
22 youth”;

23 (E) in paragraph (7), by striking “voca-
24 tional” and inserting “career”;

1 (F) in paragraph (8)(A)(i), by striking “or
2 vocational goals” and inserting “career goals”;

3 (G) in paragraph (10), by striking “; and”
4 and inserting a semicolon;

5 (H) in paragraph (11), by striking the pe-
6 riod at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

7 (I) by adding at the end the following:

8 “(12) provide assurances that compensation of
9 students employed in the work-study program in ac-
10 cordance with the agreement shall include reim-
11 bursement for reasonable travel (not including the
12 purchase of a vehicle) directly related to such work-
13 study program;

14 “(13) provide assurances that the institution
15 will administer and use feedback from the surveys
16 required under section 450, to improve the experi-
17 ences of students employed in the work-study pro-
18 gram in accordance with the agreement;

19 “(14) provide assurances that the institution
20 will collect data from students and employers such
21 that the employment made available from funds
22 under this part will, to the maximum extent prac-
23 ticable, complement and reinforce the educational
24 goals or career goals of each student receiving as-
25 sistance under this part; and

1 “(15) provide assurances that if the institution
2 receives funds under section 442(a)(1)(A), such in-
3 stitution shall—

4 “(A) use such funds to compensate stu-
5 dents employed in the work-study program in
6 accordance with the agreement; and

7 “(B) prioritize the awarding of such funds
8 (and increasing the amount of each award) to
9 students—

10 “(i) who demonstrate exceptional need
11 (as defined in section 413C(e)(2)); and

12 “(ii) who are employed in work-based
13 learning opportunities through the work-
14 study program in accordance with the
15 agreement.”;

16 (2) in subsection (c)—

17 (A) by striking paragraph (2);

18 (B) by inserting after paragraph (1) the
19 following:

20 “(2) provide assurances that compensation of
21 students employed in the work-study program in ac-
22 cordance with the agreement shall include reim-
23 bursement for reasonable travel (not including the
24 purchase of a vehicle) directly related to such work-
25 study program.”; and

1 (C) in paragraph (4), by inserting “and
2 complement and reinforce the educational goals
3 or career goals of each student receiving assist-
4 ance under this part” after “academically rel-
5 evant”;

6 (3) in subsection (d)(1)—

7 (A) by striking “In any academic year to
8 which subsection (b)(2)(A) applies, an institu-
9 tion shall ensure that” and inserting “An insti-
10 tution may use the”; and

11 (B) by striking “travel” and inserting
12 “reasonable travel (not including the purchase
13 of a vehicle)”;

14 (4) in subsection (e)(3), by striking “75” and
15 inserting “50”; and

16 (5) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(f) QUALIFIED PERIOD OF NONENROLLMENT.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A student may be awarded
19 work-study employment during a qualified period of
20 nonenrollment if—

21 “(A) the student demonstrates exceptional
22 need (as defined in section 413C(e)(2)) in the
23 award year prior to the qualified period of non-
24 enrollment;

1 “(B) the student is employed in a work-
2 based learning position; and

3 “(C) the employment—

4 “(i) involves less than 25 percent ad-
5 ministrative work; and

6 “(ii) is for at least 20 hours per week,
7 unless the institution waives such require-
8 ment—

9 “(I) at the request of the stu-
10 dent; or

11 “(II) based on a finding by the
12 institution that such requirement pre-
13 sents a hardship in finding a work-
14 based learning position for the stu-
15 dent.

16 “(2) FUNDS EARNED.—

17 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Any funds earned by
18 a student (beyond standard living expenses (as
19 such term is described in section
20 413D(c)(3)(C))) during the qualified period of
21 nonenrollment less than or equal to \$2,500 may
22 not be applied to such student’s cost of attend-
23 ance for the next period in which the student
24 is enrolled.

1 “(B) EXCESS FUNDS.—Any funds earned
2 by a student (beyond standard living expenses
3 (as such term is described in section
4 413D(c)(3)(C))) during the qualified period of
5 nonenrollment in excess of \$2,500 shall be ap-
6 plied to such student’s cost of attendance for
7 the next period in which the student is enrolled.

8 “(3) DEFINITION OF QUALIFIED PERIOD OF
9 NONENROLLMENT.—In this subsection, the term
10 ‘qualified period of nonenrollment’ means, with re-
11 spect to a student, a period of nonenrollment that—

12 “(A) occurs between a period of enrollment
13 and a period of anticipated enrollment; and

14 “(B) the duration of which is no longer
15 than 6 months.”.

16 **SEC. 613. FLEXIBLE USE OF FUNDS.**

17 Section 445 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
18 U.S.C. 1087–55) is amended—

19 (1) in subsection (a), by adding at the end the
20 following:

21 “(3) In addition to the carry-over sums author-
22 ized under paragraph (1) of this section, an institu-
23 tion may permit a student who completed the pre-
24 vious award period to continue to earn unearned

1 portions of the student’s work-study award from
2 that previous period if—

3 “(A) any reduction in the student’s need
4 upon which the award was based is accounted
5 for in the remaining portion; and

6 “(B) the student is currently employed in
7 a work-based learning position.”; and

8 (2) by striking “10 percent” both places it ap-
9 pears and inserting “20 percent”.

10 **SEC. 614. JOB LOCATION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS.**

11 (a) AMENDMENTS.—Section 446 of the Higher Edu-
12 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087–56) is amended—

13 (1) in subsection (a)—

14 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “10 per-
15 cent or \$75,000” and inserting “20 percent or
16 \$150,000”; and

17 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “voca-
18 tional” and inserting “career”; and

19 (2) in subsection (b)—

20 (A) by striking paragraphs (1) and (2);

21 (B) by inserting before paragraph (3) the
22 following:

23 “(1) provide satisfactory assurance that the in-
24 stitution will prioritize placing students with excep-
25 tional need (as defined in section 413C(c)(2)) and

1 Federal work-study recipients in jobs located and de-
2 veloped under this section; and

3 “(2) provide satisfactory assurances that the
4 funds available under this section will be used to lo-
5 cate and develop work-based learning positions;”;
6 and

7 (C) in paragraph (6), by striking the pe-
8 riod and inserting “, including—

9 “(A) the number of students employed in
10 work-based learning positions through such pro-
11 gram;

12 “(B) the number of students dem-
13 onstrating exceptional need (as defined in sec-
14 tion 413C(c)(2)) and Federal work-study recipi-
15 ents employed through such program; and

16 “(C) the number of students dem-
17 onstrating exceptional need (as defined in sec-
18 tion 413C(c)(2)) and Federal work-study recipi-
19 ents employed in work-based learning positions
20 through such program.”.

21 (b) CLARIFICATION ON CARRY-OVER AUTHORITY.—

22 Of the sums granted to an eligible institution under part
23 C of title IV of the Higher Education Act (20 U.S.C.
24 1087–51) for any fiscal year, 10 percent may, at the dis-
25 cretion of the institution, remain available for expenditure

1 during the succeeding fiscal year to carry out programs
2 under such part, including the job location and develop-
3 ment programs under section 446 of such Act (20 U.S.C.
4 1087–56).

5 **SEC. 615. COMMUNITY SERVICE.**

6 Section 447 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
7 U.S.C. 1087–57) is amended to read as follows:

8 **“SEC. 447. ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO CONDUCT COMMUNITY**
9 **SERVICE WORK-STUDY PROGRAMS.**

10 “Each institution participating under this part may
11 use up to 10 percent of the funds made available under
12 section 489(a) and attributable to the amount of the insti-
13 tution’s expenditures under this part to conduct that insti-
14 tution’s program of community service-learning, includ-
15 ing—

16 “(1) development of mechanisms to assure the
17 academic quality of the student experience;

18 “(2) assuring student access to educational re-
19 sources, expertise, and supervision necessary to
20 achieve community service objectives;

21 “(3) assuring, to the maximum extent prac-
22 ticable, that the community service-learning program
23 will support the educational goals or career goals of
24 students participating in such program;

1 “(4) collaboration with public and private non-
2 profit agencies, and programs assisted under the
3 National and Community Service Act of 1990 in the
4 planning, development, and administration of such
5 programs; and

6 “(5) to recruit and compensate students for
7 community service-learning (including compensation
8 for time spent in training and for reasonable travel
9 (not including the purchase of a vehicle) directly re-
10 lated to such community service).”.

11 **SEC. 616. PILOT GRANT PROGRAM.**

12 Part C of title IV of the Higher Education Act (20
13 U.S.C. 1087–51 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
14 the following:

15 **“SEC. 449. WORK-BASED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES PILOT**
16 **GRANT PROGRAM.**

17 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall estab-
19 lish a program to provide grants to eligible institu-
20 tions participating under this part to establish or ex-
21 pand a program to develop work-based learning posi-
22 tions.

23 “(2) LIMITATIONS.—

24 “(A) DURATION.—A grant awarded under
25 this section shall be for a period of not more

1 than 4 years, but may be renewed by the Sec-
2 retary for a period of 2 years.

3 “(B) AMOUNT.—A grant under this sec-
4 tion may not be in an amount greater than
5 \$1,000,000.

6 “(b) APPLICATION.—To be selected to receive a grant
7 under this section an eligible institution participating
8 under this part shall submit an application to the Sec-
9 retary at such time, in such manner, and containing such
10 information as the Secretary may require, including a plan
11 that describes how the eligible institution will establish or
12 expand a program to develop work-based learning posi-
13 tions that will—

14 “(1) benefit students who demonstrate excep-
15 tional need (as defined in section 413C(c)(2));

16 “(2) identify high-demand occupations (as de-
17 termined by the Bureau of Labor and Statistics,
18 State departments of labor, and local workforce in-
19 vestment boards) and develop partnerships with
20 high-demand employers (including nonprofit organi-
21 zations, for-profit firms, or public agencies);

22 “(3) involve participating employers in evalu-
23 ating and improving such program;

24 “(4) track and report academic and employ-
25 ment outcomes for participating students; and

1 “(5) be able to continue after the end of the
2 grant term.

3 “(c) USE OF FUNDS.—Grant funds awarded under
4 this program shall be used to pay wages for students par-
5 ticipating under this program and develop work-based
6 learning positions that—

7 “(1) are for a period of at least 12 weeks;

8 “(2) serve students who demonstrate excep-
9 tional need (as defined in section 413C(c)(2));

10 “(3) limit administrative work to no more than
11 25 percent of such position;

12 “(4) provide a minimum of 15 hours of work
13 per week during periods of enrollment and 30 hours
14 per week during periods of nonenrollment, except
15 such requirement may be waived by the institution
16 in consultation with a student;

17 “(5) include career coaching from participating
18 employers (including mock interviews, resume writ-
19 ing assistance, and counseling on applying for and
20 attaining employment); and

21 “(6) provide participating students with oppor-
22 tunities to meet with employers in fields or indus-
23 tries related to those of participating employers.

24 “(d) REPORT.—On a date that is before the date on
25 which the period of the grant received by an eligible insti-

1 tution under this section terminates, such institution shall
2 submit a report to the Secretary including—

3 “(1) the graduation rate or completion rate (as
4 described under section 442(a)(1)(C)) with respect
5 to students participating in work-based learning po-
6 sitions under the pilot program; and

7 “(2) the results of the work-based learning op-
8 portunities program for which such institution re-
9 ceived such grant, including—

10 “(A) participating students’ satisfaction
11 with the program as reported in surveys under
12 section 450;

13 “(B) the types of jobs in which partici-
14 pating students were employed and the types of
15 duties performed in such jobs;

16 “(C) the academic programs of the partici-
17 pating students;

18 “(D) the share of participating students
19 who worked at another job, in addition to the
20 one under the pilot program;

21 “(E) the percentage of participating stu-
22 dents who, during the second quarter after
23 completing their academic program, are in edu-
24 cation or training activities or unsubsidized em-
25 ployment;

1 “(F) the percentage of participating stu-
2 dents employed in high-demand occupations
3 within 2 quarters of completing their academic
4 programs; and

5 “(G) other items as deemed relevant by the
6 Secretary.

7 “(e) RESERVATION OF FUNDING FOR SUCH PRO-
8 GRAM.—From the amount appropriated under section
9 441(b) for a fiscal year and remaining after the Secretary
10 reserves funds under section 442(a)(1), the Secretary shall
11 reserve \$30,000,000 to carry out grants under this sec-
12 tion.”.

13 **SEC. 617. DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES.**

14 Part C of title IV of the Higher Education Act of
15 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087–51 et seq.) is further amended by
16 adding at the end the following:

17 **“SEC. 450. DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES.**

18 “(a) SURVEYS.—Not later than 1 year after the date
19 of the enactment of this section, the Secretary shall de-
20 velop, in consultation with work-study administrators from
21 institutions of higher education, participating employers,
22 and participating students—

23 “(1) a consumer-tested electronic survey for
24 students awarded work-study employment under the

1 Federal work-study program under this part that,
2 not less than once every 4 years—

3 “(A) measures each such student’s satis-
4 faction with the Federal work-study program,
5 including—

6 “(i) any complaints the student has
7 with respect to the program;

8 “(ii) the amount and quality of the
9 on-the-job training the student received;

10 “(iii) the amount and quality of on-
11 the-job supervision and employer feedback
12 the student received;

13 “(iv) the amount and quality of infor-
14 mation provided by the institution about
15 the work-study program and job opportuni-
16 ties and the availability of work-study staff
17 at the institution;

18 “(v) the quality of the assistance pro-
19 vided by the institution to the student in
20 finding a work-study job and the avail-
21 ability of types of jobs; and

22 “(vi) the student’s overall satisfaction
23 with the work-study program;

1 “(B) measures the applicability of work-
2 study employment to the educational goals and
3 career goals of each such student;

4 “(C) elicits an assessment by each such
5 student of the capacity to manage time between
6 work-study employment and coursework;

7 “(D) measures, with respect to the pro-
8 gram—

9 “(i) the award amounts under the
10 program;

11 “(ii) the average number of hours stu-
12 dents worked per week, and the wages re-
13 ceived for such work;

14 “(iii) the number of on campus jobs
15 and off campus jobs;

16 “(iv) how students located work-study
17 positions;

18 “(v) the work performed at each job;

19 “(vi) whether students worked addi-
20 tional jobs while employed in a work-study
21 job (and the reason for such additional
22 job);

23 “(vii) whether the work-study employ-
24 ment had an impact on the student’s aca-
25 demic performance; and

1 “(viii) the voluntarily disclosed demo-
2 graphics of students awarded work-study
3 employment; and

4 “(E) includes such information as the Sec-
5 retary may require;

6 “(2) a consumer-tested electronic survey for
7 employers of students described in paragraph (1)
8 that—

9 “(A) measures each such employer’s satis-
10 faction with the Federal work-study program,
11 including—

12 “(i) the extent to which the employer
13 is satisfied with its ability to accommodate
14 students’ schedules;

15 “(ii) the extent to which student-em-
16 ployees are prepared for the duties adver-
17 tised for the job; and

18 “(iii) the extent to which the employer
19 is satisfied with opportunities to make rec-
20 ommendations for improving institutions’
21 academic programs;

22 “(B) elicits an assessment by each such
23 employer of—

24 “(i) any complaints the employer had
25 with respect to the program;

1 “(ii) any skills or knowledge necessary
2 for the job that student-employees are
3 lacking; and

4 “(iii) the extent of outreach from in-
5 stitutions to the employer; and

6 “(C) includes such information as the Sec-
7 retary may require; and

8 “(3) a consumer-tested electronic survey that,
9 not less than once every 4 years, with respect to
10 each institution of higher education participating in
11 the Federal work-study program, measures—

12 “(A) methods used to recruit on-campus
13 and off-campus employers;

14 “(B) if an institution operates a job loca-
15 tion development program—

16 “(i) the share of jobs filled on-campus
17 and off-campus;

18 “(ii) the share of jobs filled by—

19 “(I) work-study recipients; and

20 “(II) students who demonstrate
21 exceptional need (as defined in section
22 413C(c)(2));

23 “(iii) the primary factors considered
24 in matching work-study students and jobs;

1 “(iv) the share of students employed
2 in work-based learning opportunities; and

3 “(v) the share of students employed
4 during qualified periods of nonenrollment,
5 including the share of students with excep-
6 tional need (as defined in section
7 413C(c)(2)) employed during qualified pe-
8 riods of nonenrollment;

9 “(C) the institution’s Federal and non-
10 Federal contributions toward work-study wages;

11 “(D) the primary factors considered in
12 awarding students work-study and in deter-
13 mining the amount of the award;

14 “(E) the acceptance rate among students
15 who were offered work-study aid; and

16 “(F) other information the Secretary may
17 require.

18 “(b) RESULTS.—The Secretary shall develop an on-
19 line portal—

20 “(1) for students, employers, and institutions of
21 higher education to access the surveys required
22 under subsection (a); and

23 “(2) to compile the results of such surveys.

1 “(c) REPORT.—Not less than once every 4 years after
2 the date of the enactment of this subsection, the Secretary
3 shall submit a report to Congress that includes—

4 “(1) the data collected under this section (re-
5 dacted for personal information);

6 “(2) with respect to students employed in work-
7 study through the Federal work-study program—

8 “(A) the types of jobs such students par-
9 ticipated in;

10 “(B) the average hours worked per week;

11 “(C) the average award amount;

12 “(D) the average wage rates;

13 “(E) the extent to which students enter
14 employment with skills and knowledge gained
15 from work-study participation that have pre-
16 pared them for the job; and

17 “(F) the students’ satisfaction with the
18 program and primary complaints;

19 “(3) the extent to which institutions conduct
20 outreach to employers and engage them in discus-
21 sions on improving academic programs;

22 “(4) the extent to which institutions conduct
23 outreach to students and make jobs readily avail-
24 able;

1 “(5) the extent to which the work-study employ-
2 ment aligns with students’ academic programs or ca-
3 reer goals;

4 “(6) the employers’ satisfaction with the pro-
5 gram and primary complaints; and

6 “(7) recommendations for improving the pro-
7 gram.

8 “(d) CONSULTATION.—In consulting with the entities
9 described in subsection (a) to create the electronic surveys
10 required under such subsection, the Secretary shall engage
11 with—

12 “(1) a representative sample of institutions of
13 higher education participating in the Federal work-
14 study program;

15 “(2) a representative sample of employers par-
16 ticipating in the Federal work-study program; and

17 “(3) a representative sample of students par-
18 ticipating in the Federal work-study program.

19 “(e) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary
20 shall—

21 “(1) provide technical assistance to institutions
22 participating under the Federal work-study program
23 under this part to—

1 “(A) comply with the amendments made
2 by part B of title VI of the AID Act and the
3 regulations issued pursuant to this subtitle;

4 “(B) administer the surveys described in
5 subsection (a) to students and employers par-
6 ticipating in the Federal work-study program;

7 “(C) ensure that Federal work-study posi-
8 tions align with students’ educational goals or
9 career goals to the maximum extent practicable;
10 and

11 “(D) satisfy the requirements under sec-
12 tion 443(b)(7); and

13 “(2) issue guidance and provide technical as-
14 sistance to institutions to support improved partner-
15 ships and coordination among financial aid, career
16 services, and academic advisors to administer the
17 Federal work-study program.

18 “(f) RESPONSE RATE.—In the case of an institution
19 participating under the Federal work-study program
20 under this part with a response rate for students and em-
21 ployers with respect to the surveys described in subsection
22 (a)(1) of less than 75 percent, the Secretary shall require
23 such institution—

24 “(1) to submit to the Secretary an improvement
25 plan to increase such response rate; and

1 “(2) if the response rate has not improved 2
2 years after the date on which an improvement plan
3 was submitted under paragraph (1), submit to the
4 Secretary a revised improvement plan.

5 “(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
6 is authorized to be appropriated \$2,000,000 to carry out
7 subsection (a).”.

8 **SEC. 618. STUDY AND REPORT.**

9 (a) STUDY.—Not later than 180 days after the date
10 of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of
11 the United States shall conduct a study on best practices
12 for assisting students participating in the Federal work-
13 study program under part C of title IV of the Higher Edu-
14 cation Act (42 U.S.C. 1087–51 et seq.) with—

- 15 (1) connecting to off-campus employers;
- 16 (2) procuring work-based learning opportunities
17 through such program;
- 18 (3) procuring employment that aligns with stu-
19 dents’ educational goals or career goals;
- 20 (4) locating employment through job location
21 and development programs;
- 22 (5) procuring employment in high-demand occu-
23 pations;

1 (6) balancing employment with academic pro-
2 grams to improve graduation and completion rates;
3 and

4 (7) with respect to students with exceptional
5 need (as defined in section 413C(e)(2) of the Higher
6 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070b-
7 2(c)(2)))—

8 (A) locating and coordinating work-study
9 employment during qualified periods of non-
10 enrollment;

11 (B) increasing participation of such stu-
12 dents in such work-study program; and

13 (C) limiting the need for additional em-
14 ployment outside the work-study program.

15 (b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
16 on which the study required under subsection (a) is com-
17 pleted, the Comptroller General of the United States shall
18 submit to Congress a report summarizing the findings of
19 such study.

20 (c) PUBLISH REPORT.—The Comptroller General of
21 the United States shall make the report required under
22 subsection (b) available to the public on the website of the
23 Government Accountability Office.

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