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## HIGHER EDUCATION

**1998 Amendments to Higher Education Act of 1965**  
 P.L. 105-244

## TITLE IV--STUDENT ASSISTANCE

## PART A--GRANTS TO STUDENTS

## SEC. 401. FEDERAL PELL GRANTS.

(a) EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY- Section 401(a)(1) (20 U.S.C. 1070a(a)(1)) is amended--

(1) in the first sentence, by striking 'The Secretary shall, during the period beginning July 1, 1972, and ending September 30, 1998,' and inserting 'For each fiscal year through fiscal year 2004, the Secretary shall'; and

(2) in the second sentence, by inserting 'until such time as the Secretary determines and publishes in the Federal Register with an opportunity for comment, an alternative payment system that provides payments to institutions in an accurate and timely manner,' after 'pay eligible students'.

(b) AMOUNT OF GRANT- Paragraph (2)(A) of section 401(b) is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A) The amount of the Federal Pell Grant for a student eligible under this part shall be--

(i) \$4,500 for academic year 1999-2000;

(ii) \$4,800 for academic year 2000-2001;

(iii) \$5,100 for academic year 2001-2002;

(iv) \$5,400 for academic year 2002-2003; and

(v) \$5,800 for academic year 2003-2004,

less an amount equal to the amount determined to be the expected family contribution with respect to that student for that year.'

(c) RELATION OF MAXIMUM GRANT TO TUITION AND EXPENSES- Paragraph (3) of section 401(b) is amended to read as follows:

(3)(A) For any academic year for which an appropriation Act provides a maximum basic grant in an amount in excess of \$2,700, the amount of a student's basic grant shall equal \$2,700 plus--

(i) one-half of the amount by which such maximum basic grant exceeds \$2,700; plus

(ii) the lesser of--

(I) the remaining one-half of such excess; or

(II) the sum of the student's tuition and, if the student has dependent care expenses (as described in section 472(8)) or disability-related expenses (as described in section 472(9)), an allowance determined by the institution for such expenses.

(B) An institution that charged only fees in lieu of tuition as of October 1, 1998, may include in the institution's determination of tuition charged, fees that would normally constitute tuition.'

(d) REGULATIONS FOR MULTIPLE AWARDS- Section 401(b)(6) is amended--

(1) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) and (B) as clauses (i) and (ii), respectively;

(2) by inserting '(A)' after the paragraph designation; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

(B) The Secretary shall promulgate regulations implementing this paragraph.'

(e) TIME LIMIT TO RECEIVE GRANTS- Section 401(c) is amended by adding at the end the following:

(4) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the Secretary may allow, on a case-by-case basis, a student to receive a basic grant if the student--

(A) is carrying at least one-half the normal full-time work load for the course of study the student is pursuing, as determined by the institution of higher education; and

(B) is enrolled or accepted for enrollment in a postbaccalaureate program that does not lead to a graduate degree, and in courses required by a State in order for the

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