

S 1467

A bill to establish an establish an Early Federal Pell Grant Commitment Demonstration Program.

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Education

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Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Biden, Joseph R., Jr. [D-DE]

Party: Democratic • **State:** DE • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

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| 110 S 1399 | Related bill | May 15, 2007: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. |

Amends the Higher Education Act of 1965 to authorize an Early Federal Pell Grant Demonstration Program.

Directs the Secretary of Education to award grants to four states to cover administrative expenses incurred in the program. Limits a state to a cohort of up to 10,000 of its eighth grade students who are eligible for a free or reduced price meal under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act or the Child Nutrition Act of 1966. Provides for a cohort for each of the academic years 2007-2008 and 2008-2009. Declares that each student who participates in the demonstration project receives a commitment to receive a Pell Grant during their first year of undergraduate study at an institution of higher education, subject to a specified condition.

Requires state grantees to choose local educational agencies to participate in the program from among those serving students at least half of whom are eligible for free or reduced price meals.

Calculates participating students' Pell Grants by deeming them to have no expected family contribution.

Directs the Secretary to arrange for an independent evaluation of the demonstration program's effectiveness in providing needy students with access to, and an incentive to pursue, higher education.

Requires state grantees annually to provide program participants with information concerning college costs, Pell Grants, state college savings programs, and other state and federal aid programs.

Actions Timeline

- **May 23, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 23, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S6557-6558)
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