S 899

A bill to amend section 401(b)(2) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 regarding the Federal Pell Grant maximum amount.

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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
Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure as introduced: CR S3207) (Mar 15, 2007)
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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Dodd, Christopher J. [D-CT]
Party: Democratic • **State:** CT • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Mar 15, 2007
Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]	D · WA		Mar 15, 2007
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Mar 15, 2007
Sen. Levin, Carl [D-MI]	D · MI		Mar 15, 2007
Sen. Lieberman, Joseph I. [ID-CT]	ID · CT		Mar 15, 2007
Sen. Mikulski, Barbara A. [D-MD]	D · MD		Mar 15, 2007
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Mar 15, 2007
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Mar 15, 2007
Sen. Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Jun 4, 2008

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 15, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Education

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Mar 15, 2007)

Amends the Higher Education Act of 1965 to increase the maximum Pell Grant award for academic years 2007-2008 through 2011-2012. Increases such amount to $7,600 for 2007-2008, and by $1,000 increments in each subsequent academic year, until it stands at $11,600 for 2011-2012.

Requires a further increase in any such maximum Pell Grant award, by an amount sufficient to achieve a 5% increase in students' purchasing power relative to the cost of attendance at an institution of higher education, if the Secretary of Education determines that the amount authorized does not increase such purchasing power by at least 5% from one academic year to the next.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 15, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 15, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S3206-3207)
- **Mar 15, 2007:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure as introduced: CR S3207)

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