

## HR 3946

### Pell Grant Preservation and Expansion Act of 2021

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Education

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## Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** WI • **Chamber:** House

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Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]	D · CA		Jun 16, 2021
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Jun 16, 2021
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Jun 16, 2021
Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Jun 16, 2021
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Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Jun 16, 2021
Rep. Leger Fernandez, Teresa [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Jun 16, 2021
Rep. Levin, Andy [D-MI-9]	D · MI		Jun 16, 2021
Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Jun 16, 2021
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Jun 16, 2021
Rep. McBath, Lucy [D-GA-6]	D · GA		Jun 16, 2021
Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]	D · NY		Jun 16, 2021
Rep. Mfume, Kweisi [D-MD-7]	D · MD		Jun 16, 2021
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Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-10]	D · NY		Jun 16, 2021
Rep. Newman, Marie [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Jun 16, 2021
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Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Jun 16, 2021
Rep. Ross, Deborah K. [D-NC-2]	D · NC		Jun 16, 2021
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40]	D · CA		Jun 16, 2021
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Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Jun 21, 2021
Rep. Norcross, Donald [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Jun 21, 2021
Rep. Sarbanes, John P. [D-MD-3]	D · MD		Jun 21, 2021
Rep. Keating, William R. [D-MA-9]	D · MA		Jun 22, 2021
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Jun 22, 2021
Rep. McEachin, A. Donald [D-VA-4]	D · VA		Jun 22, 2021
Rep. Mrvan, Frank J. [D-IN-1]	D · IN		Jun 22, 2021
Rep. Strickland, Marilyn [D-WA-10]	D · WA		Jun 22, 2021
Rep. Ruppersberger, C. A. Dutch [D-MD-2]	D · MD		Jun 23, 2021
Rep. Aguilar, Pete [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Jul 2, 2021
Rep. Brownley, Julia [D-CA-26]	D · CA		Jul 2, 2021
Rep. Jacobs, Sara [D-CA-53]	D · CA		Jul 2, 2021
Rep. Kahele, Kaialii [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Jul 2, 2021
Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]	D · CA		Jul 2, 2021
Rep. Wexton, Jennifer [D-VA-10]	D · VA		Jul 2, 2021
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Rep. Dean, Madeleine [D-PA-4]	D · PA		Jul 22, 2021
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Rep. Perlmutter, Ed [D-CO-7]	D · CO		Jul 22, 2021
Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-45]	D · CA		Jul 22, 2021
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Jul 22, 2021
Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Jul 22, 2021
Del. San Nicolas, Michael F. Q. [D-GU-At Large]	D · GU		Sep 28, 2021

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Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Sep 28, 2021
Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]	D · NJ		Sep 28, 2021
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Sep 28, 2021
Rep. Stansbury, Melanie Ann [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Sep 28, 2021
Rep. Bishop, Sanford D., Jr. [D-GA-2]	D · GA		Nov 12, 2021
Rep. Payne, Donald M., Jr. [D-NJ-10]	D · NJ		Nov 23, 2021
Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-8]	D · PA		Dec 8, 2021
Rep. Carbajal, Salud O. [D-CA-24]	D · CA		Mar 1, 2022
Rep. Barragan, Nanette Diaz [D-CA-44]	D · CA		Mar 17, 2022
Rep. Bowman, Jamaal [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Jun 9, 2022
Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Sep 19, 2022
Rep. Williams, Nikema [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Dec 21, 2022

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Budget Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 16, 2021
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Jun 16, 2021

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Education

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 8872	Related bill	<b>Sep 15, 2022:</b> Referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, 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.
117 S 2081	Identical bill	<b>Jun 16, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

## Pell Grant Preservation and Expansion Act of 2021

This bill makes various changes to the Federal Pell Grant program, including by expanding student eligibility for Pell Grants. The bill also revises student eligibility for federal student-aid programs.

Specifically, the bill provides funding to increase the maximum Pell Grant award for each eligible student. Further, the bill requires the award amount to be adjusted for inflation.

Next, the bill allows students who receive means-tested federal benefits (e.g., Medicaid) to automatically qualify for the maximum Pell Grant award plus an additional award amount.

In addition, the bill moves the Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant program into the Pell Grant program.

Next, the bill raises from 12 to 18 the total number of semesters during which a student may receive a Pell Grant.

The bill makes Dreamer students (i.e., students who have been granted Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals status) who entered the United States before the age of 18 and who meet certain educational criteria eligible for federal financial aid.

The bill also revises satisfactory academic progress requirements for federal student-aid programs, including by allowing a student who has not been enrolled in an institution of higher education for two years to regain eligibility for federal student aid.

## Actions Timeline

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