

**AMENDMENT TO THE
SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1
OFFERED BY MR. MFUME**

SEC. __. PROTECTION OF PELL GRANT ELIGIBILITY FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS.

(a) Prohibition on Funding Elimination or Restriction.—

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, no funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be used to eliminate, reduce, or restrict Federal Pell Grant eligibility for any student who—

1. is enrolled in not fewer than 12 credit hours during an academic term; and
2. is attending an institution of higher education (as defined in section 102 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1002)), including a college, university, or trade school that is accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency or association.

(b) Rule of Construction.—

Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the expansion of Pell Grant eligibility or to limit access to students enrolled in fewer than 12 credit hours, if otherwise permitted under applicable law.