Resolution to Promulgate Regulations Governing House Paid Internships

Be it resolved, that the Committee on House Administration promulgates the following regulations, pursuant to section 120 of Public Law 115-244, the Energy and Water, Legislative Branch, and Military and Veterans’ Affairs Appropriations Act, 2019:

Sec. 1

In the regulations collectively known as the Members’ Congressional Handbook within “Categories of Staff,” in the “House Paid Internship Program” section, insert the following after the first paragraph:

“Interns participating in the program may be placed with an eligible congressional membership organization (ECMO), as determined by the Committee on House Administration. Interns placed with an ECMO must be employed by a Member who belongs to the ECMO and are subject to the same federal laws and regulations, House Rules, House regulations, and Ethics regulations as interns who may be paid with MRA funds and program participants performing duties for Members offices.”

Sec. 2

The Committee directs the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to report in the Statement of Disbursements payments from the applicable House accounts in a manner that accurately reflects the employing office of individuals employed through the House Paid Internship Program. The CAO is further directed to develop a payroll authorization form for this program and include program participants on the monthly payroll certification of the Member office that has authorized the internship. The CAO should also provide offices a monthly update on the balance of their allotment and submit a semiannual report to the Committee on both total usage of the authorization by Member offices and usage by Washington, D.C., and district offices.

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