

COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION

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A RESOLUTION

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 117-19

Resolution to Promulgate and Amend Regulations Governing Certain Paid House Internships and for Other Purposes

Be it resolved, that the Committee on House Administration hereby promulgates and amends the following regulations, pursuant to Public Law 117-103, 2 U.S.C. § 4312, 2 U.S.C. § 5321(d), 2 U.S.C. § 5341(d), House Rule X, clause 1(k)(1), House Rule X, clause 1(k)(3), and House Rule X, clause 1(k)(6):

SECTION 1: PAID HOUSE COMMITTEE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM.

- (a) In the regulations collectively known as the *Committees' Congressional Handbook* in the section Committee Staff, Consultants, and Detailees, insert the following as a new subsection after the subsection Interns:

“Paid House Committee Internship Program

Public Law 117-103 established an allowance separate from committee funds for compensation of interns. Interns participating in this program are subject to the same federal laws and regulations, House Rules, House regulations, and Ethics regulations as interns who may be paid by any other source of funding in the House of Representatives.

Interns compensated through the Paid House Committee Internship Program do not count against a Committee’s authorized staff ceiling.

The gross annual rate of intern pay is established by the Committee on House Administration. For the current applicable rate, contact the Committee on House Administration at x52061.

Interns employed by a Committee through the Paid House Committee Internship Program are eligible for reimbursement of official expenses incurred as part of their official duties.

Unlike interns paid with Committee funds, interns compensated through the Paid House Committee Internship Program are ineligible for the following benefits:

1. Federal Employees' Retirement System
2. Federal life insurance
3. Federal health insurance
4. Thrift Savings Plan
5. Student Loan Repayment Program

The Chairperson (or Ranking Member, in the case of interns employed by the Committee's Minority) determines the terms and conditions of employment for an intern participating in this program, including provisions for leave (e.g., Annual, Administrative, and Sick)."

(b) (1) 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 each intern employed through the House Paid Committee Internship Program.

(2) 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 committee that has authorized the internship. The CAO should also provide the Chairperson and Ranking Member of each committee participating in the program a monthly update on the balance of their allotment and submit a semiannual report to the Committee on House Administration on total usage of the authorization by the Majority and Minority of each committee.

SEC. 2. HOUSE PAID INTERNSHIP PROGRAM.

In the regulations collectively known as the *Members' Congressional Handbook*, in the section Staff, subsection Categories of Staff, paragraph House Paid Internship Program, strike the language that begins, "The House Paid Internship Program is an allowance" and concludes "do not count against the Member's employee staff ceiling." and insert:

"The House Paid Internship Program is an allowance separate from the MRA for compensation of interns. The yearly allowance limit for each Member

office is determined by law. Interns participating in this program 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. Interns participating in this program may be based in either the Member's Washington, D.C., or district office. In addition, these interns do not count against the Member's employee staff ceiling."

SEC. 3. GREEN AND GOLD CONGRESSIONAL AIDE PROGRAM.

In the regulations respectively known as the *Members' Congressional Handbook* and the *Committees' Congressional Handbook*, replace all references to either the "Wounded Warrior Program", "Congressional Gold Star Family Fellowship Program", or "Wounded Warrior Program and Congressional Gold Star Family Fellowship Program", with "Green and Gold Congressional Aide Program", as appropriate.