

119TH CONGRESS
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H. RES. 1443

Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to prohibit Members of the House from entering inappropriate relationships with House employees.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 21, 2026

Mr. CRANK submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Ethics

RESOLUTION

Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to prohibit Members of the House from entering inappropriate relationships with House employees.

1 *Resolved*, That clause 18 of rule XXIII of the Rules
2 of the House of Representatives is amended—

3 (1) by amending paragraph (a) to read as fol-
4 lows:

5 “(a) A Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner
6 may not engage in a sexual relationship with any employee
7 of the House, except that—

8 “(1) this paragraph does not apply with respect
9 to any relationship between two people who are mar-
10 ried to each other; and

1 “(2) the Committee on Ethics may grant an ex-
2 emption under paragraph (d) with respect to an em-
3 ployee who—

4 “(A) does not work under the supervision
5 of the Member, Delegate, or Resident Commis-
6 sioner; and

7 “(B) is not an employee of a committee on
8 which the Member, Delegate, or Resident Com-
9 missioner serves.”; and

10 (2) by adding at the end, the following:

11 “(d)(1) Not later than 60 days after the adoption of
12 this resolution, the Committee on Ethics shall issue regu-
13 lations establishing procedures for the confidential submis-
14 sion and review of requests for exemptions under para-
15 graph (a)(2).

16 “(2) The regulations issued under paragraph (1)
17 shall—

18 “(A) require confidential disclosure of the rela-
19 tionship by the Member, Delegate, or Resident Com-
20 missioner;

21 “(B) establish standards for determining
22 whether the relationship creates an actual or appar-
23 ent conflict of interest or otherwise violates this
24 Code of Official Conduct;

1 “(C) authorize the Committee on Ethics to take
2 any action it sees necessary to protect the integrity
3 of the House; and

4 “(D) require prompt notification to the Com-
5 mittee of any material change in circumstances af-
6 fecting an exemption granted under this para-
7 graph.”.

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