

a memorandum of understanding under which the agency may provide facilities, equipment, supplies, personnel, and other support services for the use of the House of Representatives during an emergency situation; and

(2) the Chief Administrative Officer and the head of the agency may take any action necessary to carry out the terms of the memorandum of understanding.

**(b) Approval of Speaker required**

The Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives may not enter into a memorandum of understanding described in subsection (a)(1) without the approval of the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

**(c) Applicability**

This section shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2002 and each succeeding fiscal year.

(Pub. L. 107–117, div. B, §904, Jan. 10, 2002, 115 Stat. 2318.)

**Editorial Notes**

**CODIFICATION**

Section was formerly classified to section 130h of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

Section is from the Emergency Supplemental Act, 2002, which is div. B of the Department of Defense and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Recovery from and Response to Terrorist Attacks on the United States Act, 2002.

**§ 5547. Emergency expenditures for meals, refreshments, and other support and maintenance**

(a) At any time on or after February 20, 2003, the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives may incur obligations and make expenditures out of available appropriations for meals, refreshments, and other support and maintenance for Members, officers, and employees of the House of Representatives when, in the judgment of the Chief Administrative Officer, such obligations and expenditures are necessary to respond to emergencies involving the safety of human life or the protection of property.

(b) Nothing in this section may be construed to affect any other authority of the Chief Administrative Officer to incur obligations and make expenditures for the items and services described in subsection (a) for Members, officers, and employees of the House of Representatives.

(Pub. L. 108–7, div. H, title I, §107, Feb. 20, 2003, 117 Stat. 355.)

**Editorial Notes**

**CODIFICATION**

Section was formerly classified to section 130k of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

Section is from the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2003, which is div. H of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003.

**§ 5548. Payments to ensure continuing availability of goods and services during the coronavirus emergency**

**(a) Authorization to make payments**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law and subject to subsection (b), during an emergency situation, the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives may make payments under contracts with vendors providing goods and services to the House in amounts and under terms and conditions other than those provided under the contract in order to ensure that those goods and services remain available to the House throughout the duration of the emergency.

**(b) Conditions**

**(1) Approval required**

The Chief Administrative Officer may not make payments under the authority of subsection (a) without the approval of the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives.

**(2) Availability of appropriations**

The authority of the Chief Administrative Officer to make payments under the authority of subsection (a) is subject to the availability of appropriations to make such payments.

**(c) Applicability**

This section shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2020 and each succeeding fiscal year.

(Pub. L. 116–136, div. B, title IX, §19003, Mar. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 578.)

**Editorial Notes**

**CODIFICATION**

Section is from the Emergency Appropriations for Coronavirus Health Response and Agency Operations, which is div. B of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act or the CARES Act.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

**DEFINITION**

For definition of “coronavirus”, see section 23005 of Pub. L. 116–136, set out as a note under section 162b of this title.

**§ 5549. House Intern Resource Office**

**(a) Establishment; Coordinator**

**(1) Establishment; Coordinator**

There is established in the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives the House Intern Resource Office (hereinafter referred to as the “Office”).

**(2) Appointment**

The Office shall be headed by the House Intern Resource Coordinator (hereinafter referred to as the “Coordinator”), who shall be employed by the Chief Administrative Officer in consultation with the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on House Administration.

**(b) Duties**

In consultation with the Office of Diversity and Inclusion and such other offices as the Coordinator considers appropriate, the Office shall—

(1) provide support services, such as accommodations, training, and professional development, to interns of offices of the House of Representatives;

(2) serve as a center for resources and best practices for the recruitment, hiring, training, and use of interns by offices of the House of Representatives; and

(3) gather demographic and other data about interns of offices of the House of Representatives.

**(c) Addressing inequities in access to internships**

In carrying out its duties, the Office shall consider inequities in access to internships in offices of the House of Representatives, and shall consider the viability of establishing an intern stipend program for interns from underrepresented backgrounds, including those who attend Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Tribal Colleges and Universities, Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs), and other Minority Serving Institutions described in section 1067q(a) of title 20.

**(d) Authorization of appropriations**

There are authorized to be appropriated for fiscal year 2023 and each succeeding fiscal year such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

**(e) Effective date**

This section shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2023 and each succeeding fiscal year.

(Pub. L. 117–328, div. I, title I, § 113, Dec. 29, 2022, 136 Stat. 4922.)

**SUBCHAPTER IV—CLERK**

**§ 5561. Reporters for House of Representatives**

No person shall be employed as a reporter for the House of Representatives without the approval of the Speaker.

(R.S. § 54.)

**Editorial Notes**

**CODIFICATION**

Section was formerly classified to section 84a of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

R.S. § 54 derived from act Apr. 2, 1872, ch. 79, § 3, 17 Stat. 47.

**§ 5562. Preservation of reports, statements, or documents filed with Clerk of House**

(a) If the Clerk of the House of Representatives is required under any law, rule, or regulation to make available for public inspection a report, statement, or other document filed with the Office of the Clerk, the Clerk shall preserve the report, statement, or document—

(1) for a period of 6 years from the date on which the document is filed; or

(2) if the law, rule, or regulation so provides, the period required under such law, rule, or regulation.

(b) Subsection (a) shall apply with respect to reports, statements, and documents filed before, on, or after December 8, 2004.

(Pub. L. 108–447, div. G, title I, § 106, Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 3176.)

**Editorial Notes**

**CODIFICATION**

Section was formerly classified to section 104c of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

Section is from the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2005, which is div. G of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005.

**§ 5563. Index to House daily calendar**

The index to the daily calendar of business of the House of Representatives shall be printed only on Monday of each week.

(Mar. 1, 1921, ch. 89, § 1, 41 Stat. 1181.)

**Editorial Notes**

**CODIFICATION**

Section was formerly classified to section 115 of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

**SUBCHAPTER V—GENERAL COUNSEL**

**§ 5571. Office of General Counsel of House; administrative provisions**

**(a) Compliance with admission requirements**

The General Counsel of the House of Representatives and any other counsel in the Office of the General Counsel of the House of Representatives, including any counsel specially retained by the Office of General Counsel, shall be entitled, for the purpose of performing the counsel's functions, to enter an appearance in any proceeding before any court of the United States or of any State or political subdivision thereof without compliance with any requirements for admission to practice before such court, except that the authorization conferred by this subsection shall not apply with respect to the admission of any such person to practice before the United States Supreme Court.

**(b) Notification by Attorney General**

The Attorney General shall notify the General Counsel of the House of Representatives as required by section 530D of title 28.

**(c) General Counsel definition**

In this section, the term “General Counsel of the House of Representatives” means—

(1) the head of the Office of General Counsel established and operating under clause 8 of rule II of the Rules of the House of Representatives;

(2) the head of any successor office to the Office of General Counsel which is established after September 29, 1999; and

(3) any other person authorized and directed in accordance with the Rules of the House of Representatives to provide legal assistance and representation to the House in connection with the matters described in this section.

**(d) Effective date**

The provisions of this section shall become effective beginning with September 29, 1999.

(Pub. L. 106–57, title I, § 101, Sept. 29, 1999, 113 Stat. 414; Pub. L. 107–273, div. A, title II, § 202(b)(5), Nov. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 1775; Pub. L.