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H. R. 5598

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CLAY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. PROGRAM TO REIMBURSE HOUSE EMPLOYEES**
4 **FOR CHILD CARE EXPENSES.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—The Chief Ad-
6 ministrative Officer of the House of Representatives shall
7 establish a program under which an employing office of
8 the House of Representatives may agree to have payments

1 made from the applicable accounts of the House of Rep-
2 resentatives to reimburse employees of the office for child
3 care expenses incurred while the employees are carrying
4 out official duties. For purposes of this section, a Member
5 of the House of Representatives shall not be considered
6 to be an employee of the House of Representatives.

7 (b) PROVIDERS OF SERVICES.—The child care ex-
8 penses for which reimbursement may be made under the
9 program established under this section are expenses in-
10 curred at the House of Representatives Child Care Center
11 operated under section 312 of the Legislative Branch Ap-
12 propriations Act, 1992 (2 U.S.C. 2062) or at any other
13 provider of child care services which is licensed or regu-
14 lated by the Federal government or a State or local gov-
15 ernment.

16 (c) LIMIT ON ANNUAL AGGREGATE PAYMENTS FOR
17 EMPLOYING OFFICE.—The aggregate amount of the pay-
18 ments made under the program under this Act with re-
19 spect to an employing office during a year may not exceed
20 an amount equal to—

21 (1) 2% of the amount made available for sala-
22 ries and expenses of the employing office for the
23 year (or, in the case of an employing office that is
24 the office of a Member of the House of Representa-
25 tives, 2% of the average Members' Representational

1 Allowance for all Member offices for the year); re-
2 duced by

3 (2) the amount expended during the year with
4 respect to the employing office under the student
5 loan repayment program established under section
6 105 of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act,
7 2003 (2 U.S.C. 60c–6).

8 (d) MEMBER DEFINED.—In this Act, the term
9 “Member of the House of Representatives” includes a Del-
10 egate or Resident Commissioner to the Congress.

11 **SEC. 2. REGULATIONS.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
13 date of the enactment of this Act, the Committee on
14 House Administration of the House of Representatives
15 shall promulgate such regulations as may be necessary to
16 carry out the program under this Act.

17 (b) USE OF CENTRAL ACCOUNT FOR PAYMENTS.—
18 Under the regulations promulgated by the Committee on
19 House Administration under subsection (a), the Chief Ad-
20 ministrative Officer shall establish and administer a cen-
21 tral account from the applicable accounts of the House
22 of Representatives for making payments under the pro-
23 gram, and the payments will not be made from the budg-
24 ets of employing offices.

1 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 There are authorized to be appropriated from the ap-
3 plicable accounts of the House of Representatives such
4 sums as may be necessary to carry out the program under
5 this Act during fiscal year 2009 and each succeeding fiscal
6 year.

7 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

8 The program established under this Act shall be in
9 effect during the One Hundred Eleventh Congress and
10 each succeeding Congress.

