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To provide an allowance to offices of Members of the House of Representatives which shall be available for the compensation of interns, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of Washington (for himself, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. NORTON, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. POCAN, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. WELCH, Mr. BEYER, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. HECK, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. KIHUEN, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. LEE, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. CLAY, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. SCHIFF, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. MCGOVERN, and Mr. TED LIEU of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

A BILL

To provide an allowance to offices of Members of the House of Representatives which shall be available for the compensation of interns, and for other purposes.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “House Intern Pay Act
5 of 2018”.

1 **SEC. 2. ALLOWANCE FOR COMPENSATION OF INTERNS IN**
2 **HOUSE MEMBER OFFICES.**

3 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT OF ALLOWANCE.**—There is es-
4 tablished for the House of Representatives an allowance
5 which shall be available for the compensation of interns
6 who serve in the offices of Members of the House of Rep-
7 resentatives during a calendar year.

8 (b) **AMOUNT PER OFFICE; ALLOCATION OF UNUSED**
9 **ALLOWANCES AMONG OTHER OFFICES.**—

10 (1) **AMOUNT.**—The amount of the allowance
11 under this section with respect to the office of a
12 Member of the House of Representatives for a cal-
13 endar year shall be established by the Committee on
14 House Administration of the House of Representa-
15 tives, and (subject to the allocation described in
16 paragraph (2)) shall be an equivalent amount for all
17 such offices.

18 (2) **ALLOCATION OF UNUSED ALLOWANCES.**—

19 (A) **IN GENERAL.**—If, by not later than
20 the applicable deadline described in subpara-
21 graph (B), an office of a Member of the House
22 of Representatives does not certify to the Com-
23 mittee on House Administration that the office
24 will use the entire amount of the allowance es-
25 tablished for the office under this section with
26 respect to a calendar year, the Committee may

1 allocate the unused portion of such office's al-
2 lowance among the allowances established for
3 other offices of the House for such calendar
4 year.

5 (B) APPLICABLE DEADLINE.—The applica-
6 ble deadline described in this subparagraph
7 with respect to a calendar year is such date es-
8 tablished by the Committee on House Adminis-
9 tration which is not earlier than January 31 of
10 the year and not later than June 30 of the
11 year.

12 (c) MINIMUM COMPENSATION RATE.—

13 (1) REQUIREMENT.—Each intern who is com-
14 pensated under the allowance under this section
15 shall be paid for each pay period at a rate which is
16 equal to or greater than the minimum compensation
17 rate for the pay period.

18 (2) DEFINITION.—In paragraph (1), the “min-
19 imum compensation rate” for a pay period is equal
20 to—

21 (A) in the case of pay periods occurring
22 during fiscal year 2019, \$15 per hour; and

23 (B) in the case of pay periods occurring
24 during fiscal year 2020 or any succeeding fiscal
25 year, the rate applicable under this paragraph

1 for pay periods occurring during the previous
2 fiscal year increased by the estimated percent-
3 age change in the Consumer Price Index for All
4 Urban Consumers (as published by the Depart-
5 ment of Labor) for the most recent fiscal year
6 preceding such fiscal year.

7 (d) BENEFIT EXCLUSION.—Section 104(b) of the
8 House of Representatives Administrative Reform Tech-
9 nical Corrections Act (2 U.S.C. 5321(b)) shall apply with
10 respect to an intern who is compensated under the allow-
11 ance under this section in the same manner as such sec-
12 tion applies with respect to an intern who is compensated
13 under the Members' Representational Allowance.

14 (e) NO EFFECT ON PAYMENT OF INTERNS UNDER
15 MEMBERS' REPRESENTATIONAL ALLOWANCE.—Nothing
16 in this section may be construed to affect the use of the
17 Members' Representational Allowance for the compensa-
18 tion of interns, as provided under section 104 of the House
19 of Representatives Administrative Reform Technical Cor-
20 rections Act (2 U.S.C. 5321).

21 (f) REGULATIONS.—This section shall be carried out
22 in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Com-
23 mittee on House Administration of the House of Rep-
24 resentatives, including regulations to establish the timing

1 and procedures for the allocation of amounts of unused
2 portions of allowances under subsection (b)(2).

3 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

4 (1) the term “intern” has the meaning given
5 such term in section 104(c)(2) of the House of Rep-
6 resentatives Administrative Reform Technical Cor-
7 rections Act (2 U.S.C. 5321(c)(2)); and

8 (2) the term “Member of the House of Rep-
9 resentatives” means a Representative in, or a Dele-
10 gate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress.

11 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

12 There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
13 this section—

14 (1) for fiscal year 2019, \$13,759,200; and

15 (2) for fiscal year 2020 and each succeeding fis-
16 cal year, the amount authorized under this section
17 for the previous fiscal year increased by the esti-
18 mated percentage change in the Consumer Price
19 Index for All Urban Consumers (as published by the
20 Department of Labor) for the most recent fiscal
21 year preceding such fiscal year.

1 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2 This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall
3 apply with respect to fiscal year 2019 and each succeeding
4 fiscal year.

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