

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. _____

To authorize congressional fellowships under the Skillbridge program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Ms. ROSEN) introduced the following bill; which
was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To authorize congressional fellowships under the Skillbridge
program.

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 “Skillbridge Congres-
5 sional Fellowship Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIPS UNDER THE**
7 **SKILLBRIDGE PROGRAM.**

8 Section 1143(e) of title 10, United States Code, is
9 amended—

10 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (3) through
11 (6) as paragraphs (4) through (7), respectively; and

1 (2) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-
2 lowing new paragraph:

3 “(3)(A) The Secretary concerned may authorize an
4 eligible member of the armed forces to participate in a
5 fellowship under this subsection with—

6 “(i) the personal office of a Member of Con-
7 gress;

8 “(ii) a leadership office of the Senate or the
9 House of Representatives; or

10 “(iii) a committee or subcommittee of Congress.

11 “(B) In carrying out this paragraph, the Secretary
12 concerned shall—

13 “(i) only authorize a member to participate in
14 a fellowship when approved by the office, committee,
15 or subcommittee in which the member will serve;

16 “(ii) ensure that not more than one member of
17 the armed forces participates in a fellowship in any
18 single office, committee, or subcommittee at one
19 time, except that the Secretary concerned may pro-
20 vide for a member of the armed forces to begin a fel-
21 lowship in an office, committee, or subcommittee not
22 more than 14 days before another member of the
23 armed forces is scheduled to complete a fellowship in
24 that office, committee, or subcommittee;

1 “(iii) consult with the commanding officer of an
2 eligible member to ensure the member is appro-
3 priately qualified for the fellowship; and

4 “(iv) in consultation with the Assistant Sec-
5 retary of Defense for Legislative Affairs, provide an
6 orientation program for members that will partici-
7 pate in fellowships to provide foundational knowl-
8 edge of the legislative process, ethical guidelines, and
9 congressional protocols.

10 “(C) The Secretary concerned shall notify the Assist-
11 ant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs of each
12 member participating in a fellowship under this para-
13 graph.

14 “(D) A fellowship under this paragraph may be no
15 longer than 180 days.”.