

107TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 5680

To establish a pilot program of Central Asian scholarships for undergraduate and graduate level public policy internships in the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 16, 2002

Mr. PITTS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

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. CENTRAL ASIA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR**
4 **PUBLIC POLICY INTERNSHIPS.**

5 (a) PILOT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED.—As part of the
6 educational and cultural exchange programs of the De-
7 partment of State, the Secretary of State shall establish
8 a pilot program for the fiscal years 2004, 2005, and 2006,
9 of scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students
10 from Central Asia for public policy internships in the

1 United States. Subject to the availability of appropria-
2 tions, for each fiscal year 50 students shall participate in
3 the program established under this section.

4 (b) GENERAL PROVISIONS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as otherwise pro-
6 vided in this section, the program established pursu-
7 ant to subsection (a) shall be carried out under ap-
8 plicable provisions of the United States Information
9 and Educational Exchange Act of 1948 and the Mu-
10 tual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of
11 1961.

12 (2) SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIRE-
13 MENTS.—In addition to such other requirements as
14 may be established by the Secretary of State, a
15 scholarship recipient under this section—

16 (A) shall be proficient in the English lan-
17 guage;

18 (B) shall be a student at an undergraduate
19 or graduate school level at an accredited insti-
20 tution of higher education with a record of out-
21 standing academic achievement and dem-
22 onstrated intellectual abilities;

23 (C) may not have received an academic
24 scholarship or grant from the United States

1 Government in the 3 years preceding the award
2 of a scholarship under this section.

3 (3) INTERNSHIPS.—Internships under this sec-
4 tion shall be for periods of not more than 6 months.

5 (4) PRIORITY CONSIDERATION.—In the award
6 of internships under this section, the Secretary shall
7 give priority consideration to students from
8 Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Uzbekistan.

9 (5) DEFINITION.—For the purposes of this sec-
10 tion, the term “Central Asia” means the countries
11 of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan,
12 Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.

13 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In addi-
14 tion to such amounts as are otherwise authorized to be
15 appropriated for the Department of State for educational
16 and cultural exchange programs, there are authorized to
17 be appropriated for each of the fiscal years 2004, 2005,
18 and 2006, \$600,000 to carry out this Act.

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