

significant environmental impact from this proposed rule.

G. Protest Activities

The Coast Guard respects the First Amendment rights of protesters. Protesters are asked to call or email the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section to coordinate protest activities so that your message can be received without jeopardizing the safety or security of people, places, or vessels.

V. Public Participation and Request for Comments

We view public participation as essential to effective rulemaking and will consider all comments and material received during the comment period. Your comment can help shape the outcome of this rulemaking. If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this rulemaking, indicate the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and provide a reason for each suggestion or recommendation.

Submitting comments. We encourage you to submit comments through the Federal Decision-Making Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>. To do so, go to <https://www.regulations.gov>, type USCG–2024–0205 in the search box and click “Search.” Next, look for this document in the Search Results column, and click on it. Then click on the Comment option. If you cannot submit your material by using <https://www.regulations.gov>, call or email the person in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this proposed rule for alternate instructions.

Viewing material in docket. To view documents mentioned in this proposed rule as being available in the docket, find the docket as described in the previous paragraph, and then select “Supporting & Related Material” in the Document Type column. Public comments will also be placed in our online docket and can be viewed by following instructions on the <https://www.regulations.gov> Frequently Asked Questions web page. Also, if you click on the Dockets tab and then the proposed rule, you should see a “Subscribe” option for email alerts. The option will notify you when comments are posted, or a final rule is published.

We review all comments received, but we will only post comments that address the topic of the proposed rule. We may choose not to post off-topic, inappropriate, or duplicate comments that we receive.

Personal information. We accept anonymous comments. Comments we post to <https://www.regulations.gov> will

include any personal information you have provided. For more about privacy and submissions to the docket in response to this document, see DHS’s eRulemaking System of Records notice (85 FR 14226, March 11, 2020).

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 165

Harbors, Marine safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Security measures, Waterways.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard is proposing to amend 33 CFR part 165 as follows:

PART 165—REGULATED NAVIGATION AREAS AND LIMITED ACCESS AREAS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 165 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 46 U.S.C. 70034, 70051, 70124; 33 CFR 1.05–1, 6.04–1, 6.04–6, and 160.5; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 00170.1, Revision No. 01.3.

■ 2. Add § 165.792 to read as follows:

§ 165.792 Regulated navigation area; Port of Miami, Miami, Florida.

(a) *Location.* The following area is a regulated navigation area (RNA): All waters of the Port of Miami, from Fisherman’s Channel Daybeacon 16 at 25°46.40’ N, 080°10.84’ W proceeding southeasterly through Fisherman’s Channel south of Dodge Island to Miami Main Channel Light 15 at 25°45.86’ N, 080°08.24’ W in Government Cut, thence northwesterly through the Main ship channel north of Dodge Island to Biscayne Bay Light 50 at 25°46.90’ N, 080°10.88’ W. Additionally, the Meloy channel from Miami Main Channel Lighted Buoy 16 at 25°46.04’ N, 080°08.41’ W proceeding northwesterly to the MacArthur Causeway bridge.

(b) *Definitions.* As used in this section, slow speed means the speed at which a vessel proceeds when it is fully off plane, completely settled in the water and not creating excessive wake. Due to the different speeds at which vessels of different sizes and configurations may travel while in compliance with this definition, no specific speed is assigned to slow speed. A vessel is not proceeding at slow speed if it is:

- (1) On plane;
- (2) In the process of coming up on or coming off plane; or
- (3) Creating an excessive wake.

(c) *Regulations.* Vessels less than 50 meters entering and transiting through the regulated navigation area shall proceed at a slow speed. Nothing in this section alleviates vessels or operators from complying with all State and local laws in the area including manatee slow

speed zones. Nor should anything in this section be construed as conflicting with the requirement to operate at safe speed under the Inland Navigation Rules, (33 CFR chapter I, subchapter E).

(d) *Enforcement.* The Coast Guard may be assisted in the patrol and enforcement of the Regulated Navigation Area by other Federal, State, and local agencies.

Dated: August 17, 2024.

Douglas M. Schofield,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, Seventh Coast Guard District.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

45 CFR Part 2522

RIN 3045–AA84

AmeriCorps State and National Updates

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (operating as AmeriCorps) is requesting public comment on a proposal to revise AmeriCorps State and National program regulations on the number of terms for which AmeriCorps will fund living allowances and other benefits for members. The proposal would provide that AmeriCorps funding may be used for living allowances and other benefits for members for as long as it takes the members to either earn the aggregate value of two Segal Education Awards or four terms, whichever is longer.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted by September 27, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Please send your comments electronically through the Federal government’s one-stop rulemaking website at www.regulations.gov. Alternatively, you may send your comments to Elizabeth Appel, Associate General Counsel, at eappel@cns.gov or by mail to AmeriCorps (ATTN: Elizabeth Appel), 250 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20525.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Bastress Tahmasebi, Deputy Director, AmeriCorps State and National at JBastressTahmasebi@americorps.gov, (202) 606–6667; or Elizabeth Appel, Associate General Counsel, at EAppel@americorps.gov, (202) 967–5070.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Overview of Proposed Rule (§ 2522.235)

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- B. Regulatory Flexibility Act
- C. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995
- D. Paperwork Reduction Act
- E. Executive Order 13132, Federalism
- F. Takings (Executive Order 12630)
- G. Civil Justice Reform (Executive Order 12988)
- H. Consultation With Indian Tribes (Executive Order 13175)
- I. Clarity of This Regulation

I. Overview of Proposed Rule (§ 2522.235)

AmeriCorps recently revised AmeriCorps State and National program regulations to, among other changes, remove the four-term limit on AmeriCorps State and National members' service. *See* 89 FR 46024 (May 28, 2024). That revision, which becomes effective October 1, 2024, allows members to serve as many terms as necessary to earn the value of two full-time education awards,¹ regardless of whether those terms are served on a full-time, part-time, or reduced part-time basis. To align with the existing limit to education awards funded by AmeriCorps, that final rule also clarified that AmeriCorps will fund benefits (*e.g.*, living allowance, financial benefits during an extended term of disaster-related service, childcare, and health care) only up to the number of terms needed to attain those education awards.

Full-time, part-time, and reduced part-time terms of service have different hour requirements and accordingly each take a different number of terms to reach the aggregate value of the two full-time education awards. *See* 45 CFR 2522.220. For example, a member serving a full-time term of service earns the value of one education award with each term of service, so full-time ASN members earn the aggregate value of two full-time education awards in two terms (which equates to two years for full-time members). A member serving a reduced part-time term of service earns 39 percent of the value of one education award (*see* 45 CFR 2525.100(b)), so reduced part-time ASN members earn the aggregate value of two full-time education awards in about five terms (which equates to five or more years for reduced part-time members).

Since publication of the final rule, several members of the public have contacted AmeriCorps to point out the negative effect this will have on grantees for whom members typically serve four full-time terms. With the prior four-term

limit, those members could earn the aggregate value of two full-time education awards in two years and continue serving two more years to reach the four-term limit of receiving AmeriCorps living allowance and benefits. Under the final rule, those full-time members can no longer continue to serve (receiving AmeriCorps living allowance and benefits) those two years beyond the initial two years it took to earn the aggregate value of two full-time education awards. The members of the public noted a particularly negative effect on grantees in remote and rural locations who have a smaller pool of individuals willing to serve. These grantees rely on the willingness of their AmeriCorps members to serve full-time for four years.

Based on this input, AmeriCorps is proposing to add flexibility to the rule so that grantees and members who rely on the current state of being able to receive AmeriCorps funding for living allowances and benefits for up to four terms would continue to be able to receive that funding for four terms. The proposal also retains the final rule provision that allows AmeriCorps funding for the number of terms it takes to earn the aggregate value of two full-time education awards. Thus, members who serve less than full-time will continue to be funded for however many terms it takes to earn the aggregate value of two education awards.

The proposed change, which appears at § 2522.235, would provide that AmeriCorps will fund living allowances and other benefits only for the number of terms needed to attain the aggregate value of two full-time education awards or for four terms, whichever term duration is longer. Programs may continue to fund benefits from non-AmeriCorps resources, if they choose, for members who serve beyond that time. These term limits only apply to AmeriCorps State and National terms.

AmeriCorps is seeking comment on this proposal for a period of 30 days, which is shorter than the usual 60 days provided, because if this rulemaking is finalized, it will relieve a burden and may take effect on October 1, 2024, the same effective date as the other regulatory changes that were finalized in the May 28, 2024, rule.

II. Regulatory Analyses

A. Executive Orders 12866 and 13563

Executive Orders 12866 and 13563 direct agencies to assess all costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, if regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits

(including potential economic, environmental, public health and safety effects, distributive impacts, and equity). Executive Order 13563 emphasizes the importance of quantifying both costs and benefits, of reducing costs, of harmonizing rules, and of promoting flexibility. The Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs in the Office of Management and Budget has determined that this proposed rule is not a significant regulatory action.

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

As required by the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*), AmeriCorps certifies that this rulemaking, if adopted, will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. Most AmeriCorps State and National grantees are State Commissions and organizations that do not meet the definition of a small entity. Therefore, AmeriCorps has not performed the initial regulatory flexibility analysis that is required under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) for rules that are expected to have such results.

C. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995

For purposes of title II of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995, 2 U.S.C. 1531–1538, as well as Executive Order 12875, this regulatory action does not contain any Federal mandate that may result in increased expenditures in Federal, State, local, or Tribal Governments in the aggregate, or impose an annual burden exceeding \$100 million on the private sector.

D. Paperwork Reduction Act

Under the PRA, an agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collections of information display valid control numbers. This proposed rule does not include any information collection.

E. Executive Order 13132, Federalism

Executive Order 13132, Federalism, prohibits an agency from publishing any rule that has federalism implications if the rule imposes substantial direct compliance costs on State and local Governments and is not required by statute, or the rule preempts State law, unless the agency meets the consultation and funding requirements of section 6 of the Executive order. This rulemaking does not have any federalism implications, as described above.

¹ Separate regulations at 45 CFR 2525.50 limit participants to receiving no more than the value of two full-time education awards.

F. Takings (Executive Order 12630)

This proposed rule does not affect a taking of private property or otherwise have taking implications under Executive Order 12630 because this proposed rule does not affect individual property rights protected by the Fifth Amendment or involve a compensable “taking.” A takings implication assessment is not required.

G. Civil Justice Reform (Executive Order 12988)

This proposed rule complies with the requirements of Executive Order 12988. Specifically, this rulemaking: (a) meets the criteria of section 3(a) requiring that all regulations be reviewed to eliminate errors and ambiguity and be written to minimize litigation; and (b) meets the criteria of section 3(b)(2) requiring that all regulations be written in clear language and contain clear legal standards.

H. Consultation With Indian Tribes (Executive Order 13175)

AmeriCorps recognizes the inherent sovereignty of Indian tribes and their right to self-governance. We have evaluated this rulemaking under our consultation policy and the criteria in Executive Order 13175 and determined that this proposed rule does not impose substantial direct effects on federally recognized Tribes.

I. Clarity of This Regulation

We are required by Executive Orders 12866 (section 1(b)(12)), and 12988 (section 3(b)(1)(B)), and 13563 (section 1(a)), and by the Presidential Memorandum of June 1, 1998, to write all rules in plain language. This means that each proposed rule we publish must: (a) be logically organized; (b) use the active voice to address readers directly; (c) use clear language rather than jargon; (d) be divided into short sections and sentences; and (e) use lists and tables wherever possible. If you feel that we have not met these requirements, please send us comments by one of the methods listed in the **ADDRESSES** section. To help us revise the rule, your comments should be as specific as possible.

List of Subjects in 45 CFR Part 2522

Grant programs—social programs, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Volunteers.

For the reasons stated in the preamble, under the authority of 42 U.S.C. 12651c(c), the Corporation for National and Community Service proposes to amend chapter XXV, title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations as follows:

PART 2522—AMERICORPS PARTICIPANTS, PROGRAMS, AND APPLICANTS

■ 1. The authority for part 2522 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 12571–12595; 12651b-12651d; E.O. 13331, 69 FR 9911, Sec. 1612, Pub. L. 111–13.

■ 2. Revise § 2522.235 to read as follows:

§ 2522.235 Is there a limit on the number of terms an individual may serve in an AmeriCorps State and National program?

The number of terms an individual may serve in an AmeriCorps State and National program is not limited, but the limitations in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section apply.

(a) An individual may attain only the aggregate value of two full-time education awards.

(b) AmeriCorps will fund the benefits described in §§ 2522.240 through 2522.250 only for the number of terms needed to attain the aggregate value of two full-time education awards or for four terms, whichever is longer. Grantees may choose to fund benefits for any additional terms.

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Acting General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**Coast Guard****46 CFR Part 401**

[Docket No. USCG–2024–0406]

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Great Lakes Pilotage Rates—2025 Annual Review

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking; extension of the comment period.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the statutory provisions enacted by the Great Lakes Pilotage Act of 1960, on August 5, 2024, the Coast Guard published a notice of proposed rulemaking the Coast Guard is proposing new pilotage rates for 2025. The Coast Guard is extending the comment period of the Great Lakes Pilotage Rates—2025 Annual Review notice of proposed rulemaking for 15 days. The extension is intended to keep the comment window open until after the Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory

Committee meeting on September 6, 2024. Participation in this meeting will allow stakeholders to better understand the issues at play and to submit more informed public comments.

DATES: The comment period for the notice of proposed rulemaking published on August 5, 2024, 89 FR 63334, is extended. Comments and related material must be received by the Coast Guard on or before September 25, 2024.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by docket number USCG–2024–0406 using the Federal Decision Making Portal at www.regulations.gov. See the “Public Participation and Request for Comments” portion of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for further instructions on submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about this document, call or email Mr. Brian Rogers, Commandant, Office of Waterways and Ocean Policy—Great Lakes Pilotage Division (CG–WWM–2), Coast Guard; telephone 410–360–9260, email Brian.Rogers@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Public Participation and Request for Comments**

The U.S. Coast Guard views public participation as essential to establishing equitable pilotage rates in the Great Lakes. The Coast Guard will consider all information and material received during the comment period. If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this request for information, indicate the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and provide a reason for each suggestion or recommendation.

Methods for submitting comments. We encourage you to submit comments through the Federal Decision-Making Portal at www.regulations.gov. To do so, go to www.regulations.gov, type USCG–2024–0406 in the search box, and click “Search.” Next, look for this document in the Search Results column, and click on it. Then click on the Comment option. If your material cannot be submitted using www.regulations.gov, contact the person in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document for alternate instructions.

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