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MEMORANDUM

PERSONNEL MEMO 26-13

To: Cabinet Secretaries
Agency Heads
Human Resource (HR) Administrators

From: Mary Elizabeth Bailey, Secretary

Date: August 21, 2026

Re: **Co-ops and Interns**

Effective September 16, 2026 all students appointed into Executive Branch Co-op/Intern jobs should be paid the following hourly rates, according to their level of education:

- High School Student - \$11.903
- Undergraduate Student - \$16.773
- Graduate Student - \$19.478

No Co-op/Intern employee should be paid more than a full-time Executive Branch employee, performing those same job duties within an agency.

Exceptions to these specific rates of pay must be approved, prior to the appointment, by the Commissioner of the Personnel Cabinet's Department of Human Resources Administration.

If you have questions pertaining to the Co-op/Internship Program, please contact Becky Singleton at Rebekah.Singleton@ky.gov. If you have questions pertaining to the outlined hourly rates, please contact Jamie Caldwell at Jamie.Caldwell@ky.gov.