

103<sup>D</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 140

To end the practice of imposing unfunded Federal mandates on State and local governments and to ensure that the Federal Government pays the costs incurred by those governments in complying with certain requirements under Federal statutes and regulations.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 5, 1993

Mr. CONDIT (for himself, Mr. MORAN, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. POMBO, Mr. COX, Mr. PETE GEREN of Texas, Mr. PORTER, Mr. LEWIS of Florida, Mr. ORTON, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. BREWSTER, Mr. PENNY, Mr. LAUGHLIN, and Mr. PACKARD introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Operations

SEPTEMBER 13, 1993

Additional sponsors: Mr. ENGLISH of Oklahoma, Mr. GORDON, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina, Mr. WYNN, Mr. ZELIFF, Mr. FAWELL, Ms. FURSE, Mr. PARKER, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. BAKER of California, Mr. MACHTLEY, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. SUNDQUIST, Mr. KLUG, Mr. PETRI, Mr. DELAY, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. HUFFINGTON, Mr. WELDON, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. LEHMAN, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. SWETT, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. SARPALIUS, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Mr. RAVENEL, Mr. FRANKS of New Jersey, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. KIM, Mr. HOKE, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. QUILLEN, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. EVERETT, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. BONILLA, Mr. BARLOW, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. BLUTE, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mr. DARDEN, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. THOMAS of Wyoming, Mr. CAMP, Mr. MCCRERY, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. VALENTINE, Mr. ROWLAND, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. BROWDER, Mr. SLATTERY, Mr. BARCA of Wisconsin, Mr. EMERSON, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ISTOOK, Mr. EWING, Mr. LIVINGSTON, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. FIELDS of Texas, Mr. MINGE, Mr. MONTGOMERY, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. COSTELLO, Ms. DANNER, Mr. WALSH, and Mr. KASICH

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# A BILL

To end the practice of imposing unfunded Federal mandates on State and local governments and to ensure that the Federal Government pays the costs incurred by those governments in complying with certain requirements under Federal statutes and regulations.

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 “Federal Mandate Re-

5       lief Act of 1993”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

7       (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds and declares

8       that—

9               (1) unfunded Federal mandates on State and

10              local governments have become increasingly exten-

11              sive in recent years;

12              (2) such mandates have, in many instances,

13              added to growing deficits in State and local budgets

14              and have resulted in the need for State and local

15              governments to increase revenue or curtail services;

16              and

17              (3) such excessive fiscal burdens on State and

18              local governments have undermined, in many in-

19              stances, the ability of State and local governments

1 to achieve their responsibilities under State and local  
2 law.

3 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to assure  
4 that the Federal Government pays the total amount of di-  
5 rect costs incurred by State and local governments in com-  
6 plying with certain requirements which take effect on or  
7 after the date of the enactment of this Act under a Fed-  
8 eral statute or regulation.

9 **SEC. 3. FEDERAL FUNDING REQUIREMENT.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
11 sion of law, any requirement under a Federal statute or  
12 regulation that a State or local government conduct an  
13 activity (including a requirement that a government meet  
14 national standards in providing a service) shall apply to  
15 the government only if all funds necessary to pay the di-  
16 rect costs incurred by the government in conducting the  
17 activity are provided by the Federal Government.

18 (b) APPLICATION.—This section shall apply only to  
19 requirements which take effect on or after the date of the  
20 enactment of this Act.

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