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H. R. 2103

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 24, 1995

Ms. NORTON (for herself and Mr. DAVIS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight

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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. SHORT TITLE; PURPOSE.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “District of Columbia Budget Efficiency Act of 1995”.

1 (b) REFERENCES IN ACT.—Whenever in this Act an
2 amendment is expressed in terms of an amendment to,
3 or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference
4 shall be considered to be made to that section or other
5 provision of the District of Columbia Self-Government and
6 Governmental Reorganization Act.

7 **SEC. 2. BUDGETARY CONTROL OVER INDEPENDENT AGEN-**
8 **CIES.**

9 (a) SUBMISSION OF ANNUAL BUDGET.—Section
10 442(b) (D.C. Code, sec. 47–301(b)) is amended by insert-
11 ing “the District of Columbia courts, the Board of Edu-
12 cation,” after “Council,”.

13 (b) DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS’ BUDGET.—
14 Section 445 (title 11, Appendix, §445, D.C. Code) is
15 amended—

16 (1) in the second sentence by striking “, with-
17 out revision but subject to his recommendations”;
18 and

19 (2) by striking the third sentence.

20 (c) REDUCTIONS IN BUDGETS OF INDEPENDENT
21 AGENCIES.—Section 453 (D.C. Code, sec. 47–304) is
22 amended as follows:

23 (1) Subsection (a) is amended to read as fol-
24 lows:

1 “(a) In accordance with subsection (b), and except
2 as provided in subsection (c), the Mayor may reduce
3 amounts appropriated or otherwise made available to inde-
4 pendent agencies of the District of Columbia (including
5 the Board of Education) and the District of Columbia
6 courts for a fiscal year if the Mayor determines that it
7 is necessary to reduce such amounts to balance the Dis-
8 trict’s budget for the fiscal year.”.

9 (2) Subsection (b)(1) is amended by adding at
10 the end the following new sentence: “The Mayor
11 shall notify the District of Columbia courts of any
12 proposed reductions in the budget of the courts that
13 is a part of the Mayor’s submission to the Council.”.

14 (3) Subsection (c) is amended by striking “the
15 District of Columbia courts or”.

16 (d) LIMITATIONS ON THE COUNCIL.—Section
17 602(a)(4) (D.C. Code, sec. 1-233(a)(4)) is amended by
18 inserting before the semicolon the following: “; except for
19 provisions establishing the rates of compensation for
20 judges in the District of Columbia courts”.

21 **SEC. 3. CONTRACTS EXTENDING BEYOND ONE YEAR.**

22 Section 451(a) (D.C. Code, sec. 1-1130(a)) is
23 amended—

24 (1) by striking “No contract” and inserting
25 “(1) No contract”; and

1 (2) by adding at the end the following new
2 paragraph:

3 “(2)(A) The District may enter into multiyear con-
4 tracts to obtain goods and services for which funds are
5 appropriated on an annual fiscal year basis and available
6 for obligation only within the fiscal year for which appro-
7 priated.

8 “(B) For any fiscal year, if the funds are not made
9 available for the continuation of a multiyear contract
10 under subparagraph (A), the contract shall be canceled or
11 terminated, and any cost of cancellation or termination
12 may be paid from—

13 “(i) appropriations available for the perform-
14 ance of such contract;

15 “(ii) appropriations available for procurement
16 of the type of acquisition covered by the contract,
17 and not otherwise obligated; or

18 “(iii) funds appropriated for the payment of
19 such costs.

20 “(C) No contract entered into under this paragraph
21 shall be valid unless the Council, by a two-thirds vote of
22 its members present and voting, authorizes such contract
23 by resolution. Multiyear contracts under this paragraph

1 shall be made pursuant to criteria established by act of
2 the Council.”.

