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PROVIDING THAT THE SCHOOL GOVERNANCE CHARTER AMENDMENT ACT OF 2000 SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON THE DATE SUCH ACT IS RATIFIED BY THE VOTERS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

JUNE 12, 2000.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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Mr. BURTON, from the Committee on Government Reform, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 4387]

The Committee on Government Reform, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 4387) to provide that the School Governance Charter Amendment Act of 2000 shall take effect upon the date such Act is ratified by the voters of the District of Columbia, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

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I. SHORT SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION

H.R. 4387 makes the School Governance Charter Amendment Act of 2000 effective upon the date it is ratified by a majority of the registered qualified District of Columbia electors voting in a referendum held to ratify the Act.

II. BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR THE LEGISLATION

H.R. 4387 would waive a section of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act that requires a 35-day review period after a charter amendment has been ratified by the voters. This would permit the School Governance Charter Amendment Act of 2000 to take effect on the date it is ratified by D.C. voters in a referendum. Without this waiver, the results of the upcoming June 27, 2000, referendum would not be allowed to proceed.

III. LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS AND COMMITTEE ACTIONS

H.R. 4387 was introduced on May 4, 2000, by Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton. It was referred to the House Committee on Government Reform, which in turn referred it to the District of Columbia Subcommittee. The Subcommittee approved the bill at a hearing on May 5, 2000, and referred it to the Committee on Government Reform by voice vote.

IV. COMMITTEE HEARINGS AND WRITTEN TESTIMONY

The Subcommittee held no hearings concerning H.R. 4387.

V. EXPLANATION OF THE BILL

Section 1

Section 1 waives the congressional review period for the School Governance Charter Amendment Act of 2000. It provides that the School Governance Charter Amendment Act of 2000 will be effective on the date it is ratified by a majority of District of Columbia electors voting in a referendum.

VI. COMPLIANCE WITH RULE XI

Pursuant to rule XI, clause 2(1)(3)(A) of the rules of the House of Representatives, under the authority of rule X, clause 2(b)(1) and clause 3(f), the results and findings from Committee oversight activities are incorporated in the bill and this report.

VII. BUDGET ANALYSIS AND PROJECTIONS

The budget analysis and projections required by section 308(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 are contained in the estimate of the Congressional Budget Office.

VIII. COST ESTIMATE OF THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

Under current law, the Congress has 35 legislative days to review ratified amendments to the charter of the District of Columbia. H.R. 4387 would waive that requirement for the School Governance Charter Amendment Act of 2000. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 4387 would have no impact on the federal budget. Because the bill would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

H.R. 4387 would preempt a section of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act that requires a 35-day review period after a charter amendment has been ratified by the voters. Although this preemption would benefit the District of Columbia by allowing a charter amendment to take effect immediately, it is considered a mandate under the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act. This mandate would

impose no costs on the District of Columbia, or any other state, local, or tribal government.

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, May 25, 2000.

Hon. DAN BURTON,
Chairman, Committee on Government Reform,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 4387, a bill to provide that the School Governance Charter Amendment Act of 2000 shall take effect upon the date such act is ratified by the voters of the District of Columbia.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contacts are John R. Righter (for federal costs), and Susan Sieg Tompkins (for the state and local impact).

Sincerely,

BARRY B. ANDERSON,
(For Dan L. Crippen, Director).

Enclosure.

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IX. SPECIFIC CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY FOR THIS LEGISLATION

Clauses 1 and 18 of Article I, Sec. 8 of the Constitution grant Congress the power to enact this bill.

X. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

On May 18, 2000, a quorum being present, the Committee ordered the bill favorably reported.

Committee on Government Reform—106th Congress.—Rollcall

Date: May 18, 2000.
Final Passage of H.R. 4387.
Offered by: Hon. Dan Burton.
Adopted by voice vote.

XI. UNFUNDED MANDATES REFORM ACT; PUBLIC LAW 104–4, SEC. 423

H.R. 4387 is considered a mandate, but does not impose any costs on the District of Columbia, state, local, or tribal governments.

XII. FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACT (5 U.S.C. APP.) SECTION 5(b)

The Committee finds that H.R. 4387 does not establish or authorize establishment of an advisory committee within the definition of 5 U.S.C. App., Section 5(b).

XIII. CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

H.R. 4387 does not change existing law.

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