



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

May 25, 2000

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

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Government Reform on May 18, 2000

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.

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