

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

CBO assumes H.R. 1387 will be enacted late in fiscal year 2017, that the authorized amounts will be appropriated each year, and that outlays will follow historical spending patterns. The Congress previously authorized annual appropriations of \$60 million through fiscal year 2016 and appropriated \$45 million for the program in 2016. Under the continuing resolution that level of funding was extended (on an annualized basis) for 2017.

H.R. 1387 would authorize the appropriation of \$60 million annually through fiscal year 2022, and would direct the funds to be divided equally for the following three purposes:

- To provide scholarships for private-school tuition to parents of students who reside in the District of Columbia and to meet certain criteria under the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program;
- To improve public education in the District of Columbia; and
- To improve and expand quality public charter schools in the District of Columbia.

CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$315 million over the 2017-2022 period.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INCREASE IN LONG-TERM DIRECT SPENDING AND DEFICITS

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 1387 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2028.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 1387 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA. An educational entity of the District of Columbia may voluntarily choose to apply to the Department of Education to distribute grants through the School Choice Program, but any associated costs to the District would be incurred voluntarily and would result from complying with conditions of assistance. If low-income students choose to attend private schools, the District of Columbia school system could lose federal grants based on the number of low-income students in the system.

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