

113TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 2793

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. ISSA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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## A BILL

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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.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “District of Columbia  
 5 Financial Efficiency Act of 2013”.

6 **TITLE I—FISCAL AND BUDGET**  
 7 **EFFICIENCY**

8 **SEC. 101. FISCAL YEAR FOR DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.**

9 Section 441(b) of the District of Columbia Home  
 10 Rule Act (sec. 1–204.41, D.C. Official Code) is amended  
 11 to read as follows:

12 “(b) AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH FISCAL YEAR  
 13 BY ACT OF COUNCIL.—The District may change the fiscal  
 14 year of the District by an Act of the Council. If a change  
 15 occurs, such fiscal year shall also constitute the budget  
 16 and accounting year.”.

17 **SEC. 102. AVAILABILITY OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA LOCAL**  
 18 **FUNDS UPON FAILURE BY CONGRESS TO**  
 19 **ENACT LOCAL BUDGET.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subpart 1 of part D of title IV  
 21 of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act is amended  
 22 by inserting after section 446B the following new section:

23 “AVAILABILITY OF LOCAL FUNDS UPON FAILURE BY  
 24 CONGRESS TO ENACT BUDGET

25 “SEC. 446C. (a) AVAILABILITY OF LOCAL FUNDS AT  
 26 RATE ESTABLISHED BY LOCAL LAW IF NO BUDGET EN-

1 ACTED PRIOR TO BEGINNING OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
2 FISCAL YEAR.—

3           “(1) IN GENERAL.—If, as of the first day of a  
4           fiscal year of the District of Columbia (as estab-  
5           lished under section 441), neither the regular Dis-  
6           trict of Columbia appropriation bill for the fiscal  
7           year nor a District of Columbia continuing resolu-  
8           tion for the fiscal year is in effect, there is appro-  
9           priated, out of any moneys of the government of the  
10          District of Columbia not otherwise appropriated, and  
11          out of applicable corporate or other revenues, re-  
12          ceipts, and funds, the amount provided for any  
13          project or activity for which funds are provided in  
14          the local budget act for such fiscal year.

15           “(2) RATE OF FUNDING.—An appropriation  
16          and funds made available or authority granted for a  
17          project or activity for a fiscal year pursuant to this  
18          section shall be at the rate of operations provided  
19          for such project or activity under the local budget  
20          act for such fiscal year.

21           “(3) TERMINATION OF PERIOD OF AVAIL-  
22          ABILITY.—An appropriation and funds made avail-  
23          able or authority granted for a project or activity for  
24          a fiscal year pursuant to this section shall cease to  
25          be available—

1           “(A) during any period of the fiscal year in  
2           which a District of Columbia continuing resolu-  
3           tion for the fiscal year is in effect; or

4           “(B) upon the enactment into law of the  
5           regular District of Columbia appropriation bill  
6           for such fiscal year.

7           “(b) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—An appropriation  
8           and funds made available or authority granted for a  
9           project or activity for a fiscal year pursuant to this section  
10          shall be subject to the terms and conditions imposed with  
11          respect to the appropriation made and funds made avail-  
12          able for the preceding fiscal year, or the authority granted  
13          for such project or activity under the applicable law in ef-  
14          fect at the time.

15          “(c) PERIOD OF COVERAGE.—An appropriation and  
16          funds made available or authority granted for a project  
17          or activity for a fiscal year pursuant to this section shall  
18          cover all obligations or expenditures incurred for such  
19          project or activity during the portion of such fiscal year  
20          for which this section applies to such project or activity.

21          “(d) RESTRICTIONS ON PROGRAMS OR ACTIVITIES  
22          SUBJECT TO OTHER APPROPRIATIONS ACTS.—This sec-  
23          tion shall not apply to a project or activity during any  
24          period of a fiscal year if any other provision of law (other  
25          than an authorization of appropriations)—

1           “(1) makes an appropriation, makes funds  
2 available, or grants authority for such project or ac-  
3 tivity to continue for such period, or

4           “(2) specifically provides that no appropriation  
5 shall be made, no funds shall be made available, or  
6 no authority shall be granted for such project or ac-  
7 tivity to continue for such period.

8           “(e) PROTECTION OF OTHER OBLIGATIONS.—Noth-  
9 ing in this section shall be construed to effect obligations  
10 of the government of the District of Columbia mandated  
11 by other law.

12           “(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

13           “(1) the term ‘District of Columbia continuing  
14 resolution’ means, with respect to a fiscal year, any  
15 joint resolution making continuing appropriations  
16 for the fiscal year which includes continuing appro-  
17 priations for the government of the District of Co-  
18 lumbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in  
19 part against the revenues of the District;

20           “(2) the term ‘local budget act’ means, with re-  
21 spect to a fiscal year, the act of the Council adopt-  
22 ing the annual budget for the District of Columbia  
23 government for such fiscal year, as submitted by the  
24 Mayor to the President for transmission to Congress  
25 pursuant to section 446; and

1           “(3) the term ‘regular District of Columbia ap-  
 2           propriation bill’ means, with respect to a fiscal year,  
 3           an annual appropriation bill making appropriations,  
 4           otherwise making funds available, or granting au-  
 5           thority, for the fiscal year for the government of the  
 6           District of Columbia and other activities chargeable  
 7           in whole or in part against the revenues of the Dis-  
 8           trict.

9           “(g) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply  
 10          with respect to fiscal year 2015 and each succeeding fiscal  
 11          year.”.

12          (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 446 of  
 13          such Act (sec. 1–204.46, D.C. Official Code) is amended  
 14          by inserting “section 446C,” after “section 446B,”.

15          (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents  
 16          of subpart 1 of part D of title IV of the District of Colum-  
 17          bia Home Rule Act is amended by inserting after the item  
 18          relating to section 446B the following:

“446C. Availability of local funds upon failure by Congress to enact budget.”.

19           **TITLE II—COMPENSATION OF**  
 20           **CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

21           **SEC. 201. INCREASE IN MAXIMUM COMPENSATION.**

22           (a)           MAXIMUM           COMPENSATION.—Section  
 23           424(b)(2)(E) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act  
 24           (sec. 1–204.24(b)(2)(E), D.C. Official Code) is amended  
 25           to read as follows:

1           “(E) PAY.—The Chief Financial Officer  
2 shall be paid at a rate such that the total  
3 amount of compensation paid during any cal-  
4 endar year does not exceed an amount equal to  
5 the limit on total pay which is applicable during  
6 the year under section 5307 of title 5, United  
7 States Code, to an employee described in sec-  
8 tion 5307(d) of such title.”.

9           (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
10 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to pay periods be-  
11 ginning on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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