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H. R. 1077

To require the Congressional Budget Office to make publicly available the fiscal and mathematical models, data, and other details of computations used in cost analysis and scoring.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DAVIDSON of Ohio (for himself, Mr. WALKER, Mr. LOUDERMILK, Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia, Mr. POSEY, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. GALLAGHER, Mr. GAETZ, Mr. PERRY, Mr. PALMER, Mr. ALLEN, and Mr. YOHO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Budget

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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 "CBO Show Your Work

5 Act".

SEC. 2. PUBLICATION OF CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE MODELS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 653) is amended—

(1) by striking "The Director" and inserting the following:

"(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

"(b) PUBLICATION OF MODELS AND DATA.—The Director of the Congressional Budget Office shall make available to Members of Congress and make publicly available on the website of the Congressional Budget Office—

"(1) each fiscal model, policy model, and data preparation routine used by the Congressional Budget Office in estimating the costs and other fiscal, social, or economic effects of legislation, including estimates prepared under subsection (a);

"(2) any update of a model or routine described in paragraph (1);

"(3) subject to paragraph (4), for each estimate of the costs and other fiscal effects of legislation, including estimates prepared under subsection (a), the data, programs, models, assumptions, and other details of the computations used by the Congressional Budget Office in preparing the estimate, in a man-

1 ner sufficient to permit replication by individuals not

2 employed by the Congressional Budget Office; and

3   ''(4) for any data that is required not to be dis-

4 closed by the Congressional Budget Office—

5   ''(A) a complete list of all data variables

6   for such data;

7   ''(B) descriptive statistics for all data vari-

8 ables for such data (including averages, stand-

9 ard deviations, number of observations, and cor-

10 relations to other variables), to the extent that

11 the descriptive statistics do not violate the rule

12 against disclosure;

13   ''(C) a reference to the statute requiring

14 that the data not be disclosed; and

15   ''(D) information regarding how to contact

16 the individual or entity who has unrestricted ac-

17 cess to the data.''.

18 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by

19 subsection (a) shall apply on and after the date that is

20 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act.

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