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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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## AN ACT

To amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to assist the Congressional Budget Office with the scoring of State and local mandates.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “State Flexibility Clari-  
3 fication Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FLEXIBILITY AND FEDERAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL**  
5 **MANDATES.**

6 (a) COMMITTEE REPORTS.—Section 423(d) of the  
7 Congressional Budget Act of 1974 (2 U.S.C. 658b(d)) is  
8 amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (1)(C) by striking “and” after  
10 the semicolon;

11 (2) in paragraph (2) by striking the period and  
12 inserting “; and”; and

13 (3) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(3) if the bill or joint resolution would make  
15 the reduction specified in section 421(5)(B)(i)(II), a  
16 statement of how the committee specifically intends  
17 the States to implement the reduction and to what  
18 extent the legislation provides additional flexibility, if  
19 any, to offset the reduction.”.

20 (b) CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE ESTIMATES.—  
21 Section 424(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974  
22 (2 U.S.C. 658c(a)) is amended—

23 (1) by redesignating paragraph (3) as para-  
24 graph (4); and

25 (2) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-  
26 lowing:

1           “(3) ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY INFORMA-  
2           TION.—The Director shall include in the statement  
3           submitted under this subsection, in the case of legis-  
4           lation that makes changes as described in section  
5           421(5)(B)(i)(II)—

6                   “(A) if no additional flexibility is provided  
7                   in the legislation, a description of whether and  
8                   how the States can offset the reduction under  
9                   existing law; or

10                   “(B) if additional flexibility is provided in  
11                   the legislation, whether the resulting savings  
12                   would offset the reductions in that program as-  
13                   suming the States fully implement that addi-  
14                   tional flexibility.”.

Passed the House of Representatives November 16,  
1999.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,

*Clerk.*