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H. R. 821

To require zero-based budgeting for departments and agencies of the
Government.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 18, 2011

Mr. ROSS of Florida introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on the Budget

A BILL

To require zero-based budgeting for departments and
agencies of the Government.

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. ZERO-BASED BUDGETING.**

4 Section 1105 of title 31, United States Code, is
5 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
6 section:

7 “(i)(1) The President shall submit with materials re-
8 lated to each budget transmitted under subsection (a) on
9 or after January 1, 2013, a budget for each department
10 and agency which contains the following information:

1 “(A) A description of each activity for which
2 the department or agency receives an appropriation
3 in the current fiscal year or for which the depart-
4 ment of agency requests an appropriation for the
5 budget year.

6 “(B) The legal basis for each activity.

7 “(C) For each activity, three alternative fund-
8 ing levels for the budget year, and a summary of the
9 priorities that would be accomplished within each
10 level, and the additional increments of value that
11 would be added by the higher funding levels. At least
12 two of these funding levels shall be below the fund-
13 ing level for the current fiscal year.

14 “(D) For each activity, one or more measures
15 of its cost efficiency and effectiveness.

16 “(2) As soon as practicable, the Director of the Office
17 of Management and Budget shall publish guidelines to
18 carry out this subsection. The guidelines shall require that
19 the baseline budget of each department or agency is as-
20 sumed to be zero and each proposed expenditure shall be
21 justified as if it were a new expenditure.”.

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