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To terminate the Congressional Budget Office, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GOHMERT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on the Budget

A BILL

To terminate the Congressional Budget Office, and for other
purposes.

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 “Congressional Budget
5 Office Termination Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ABOLISHMENT OF CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OF-**
7 **FICE.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—On the date that is one year after
9 the date of enactment of this Act, the Congressional Budg-
10 et Office is abolished.

1 (b) RESOLUTION AND TERMINATION OF CBO FUNC-
2 TIONS.—

3 (1) RESOLUTION OF FUNCTIONS.—During the
4 period beginning on the date of enactment of this
5 Act and ending on the termination date in sub-
6 section (a)—

7 (A) the disposition and resolution of func-
8 tions of the CBO shall be completed in accord-
9 ance with this Act; and

10 (B) the Chief Administrator Officer, in
11 consultation with the Secretary, shall resolve all
12 functions that are transferred under this sec-
13 tion and are not otherwise continued under this
14 Act.

15 (2) TERMINATION OF FUNCTIONS.—All func-
16 tions that are transferred under this Act that are
17 not otherwise continued by this Act shall terminate
18 on the date set forth in subsection (a).

19 (c) RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CAO.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Chief Administrative
21 Officer, in consultation with the Secretary, shall be
22 responsible for the implementation of this Act, in-
23 cluding—

1 (A) the administration and wind-up, dur-
2 ing the wind-up period, of all functions of the
3 CBO;

4 (B) the administration and wind-up, dur-
5 ing the wind-up period, of any outstanding obli-
6 gations of the CBO under any programs termi-
7 nated by this Act; and

8 (C) taking such other actions as may be
9 necessary to wind-up any outstanding affairs of
10 the CBO before the termination date in sub-
11 section (a).

12 (2) TRANSFER OF ASSETS AND PERSONNEL.—

13 In connection with any delegation of functions, the
14 Chief Administrative Officer, in consultation with
15 the Secretary, may transfer such assets, funds, per-
16 sonnel, records, and other property relating to the
17 delegated function as the Chief Administrative Offi-
18 cer, in consultation with the Secretary, determines
19 to be appropriate.

20 (d) SCORING.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—On or after the termination
22 date set forth in subsection (a), the Committees on
23 the Budget of the House of Representatives and the
24 Senate shall publish, on the public website of each
25 such committee, a list of private, independent enti-

1 ties that are able to provide cost estimates for legis-
2 lation that would otherwise be carried out by CBO
3 pursuant to the Congressional Budget and Impound-
4 ment Control Act of 1974, or any other law, rule,
5 or regulation, but for the requirements of this Act.

6 (2) BONUS.—Subject to the availability of ap-
7 propriations, the chair of the Committee on the
8 Budget of the House of Representatives or the Sen-
9 ate may pay a bonus to any private entity that, dur-
10 ing any calendar year, provides estimates for legisla-
11 tion pursuant to paragraph (1) that are each within
12 five percent of the actual cost of carrying out the en-
13 acted legislation. In determining such actual cost,
14 the chairs shall consult with the Office of Manage-
15 ment and Budget.

16 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

17 (1) CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER.—The
18 term “Chief Administrative Officer” refers to the
19 Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Rep-
20 resentatives.

21 (2) CBO.—The term “CBO” refers to the Con-
22 gressional Budget Office.

23 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” refers
24 to the Secretary of the Senate.

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