

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3633

To amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to make local funds of the District of Columbia available for use by the District during any portion of a fiscal year in which no Federal law appropriating local funds for the fiscal year is in effect, at the rates of operation provided under the local budget act for the fiscal year, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 28, 2015

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

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “District of Columbia
3 Government Shutdown Avoidance Act of 2015”.

4 **SEC. 2. AVAILABILITY OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA LOCAL**
5 **FUNDS IN ABSENCE OF FEDERAL LAW AP-**
6 **PROPRIATING LOCAL FUNDS.**

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

10 “AVAILABILITY OF LOCAL FUNDS IN ABSENCE OF
11 FEDERAL LAW

12 “SEC. 446C. (a) AVAILABILITY OF LOCAL FUNDS AT
13 RATE ESTABLISHED BY LOCAL LAW IN ABSENCE OF
14 FEDERAL LAW APPROPRIATING LOCAL FUNDS.—Not-
15 withstanding any other provision of this Act, during any
16 portion of a fiscal year in which neither the regular Dis-
17 trict of Columbia appropriation bill for the fiscal year nor
18 a District of Columbia continuing resolution for the fiscal
19 year is in effect, the District of Columbia may obligate
20 and expend local funds for projects and activities in ac-
21 cordance with the local budget act for the fiscal year at
22 the rate of operations provided under such local budget
23 act.

24 “(b) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The obligation and
25 expenditure of local funds for a project or activity during
26 a fiscal year pursuant to this section shall be subject to

1 the terms and conditions imposed with respect to the obli-
2 gation and expenditure of local funds for the project or
3 activity during the preceding fiscal year, or the authority
4 granted for such project or activity under the applicable
5 law in effect at the time.

6 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

7 “(1) the term ‘District of Columbia continuing
8 resolution’ means, with respect to a fiscal year, any
9 joint resolution making continuing appropriations
10 for the fiscal year which includes continuing appro-
11 priations for the government of the District of Co-
12 lumbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in
13 part against the revenues of the District;

14 “(2) the term ‘local budget act’ means, with re-
15 spect to a fiscal year, the act of the Council adopt-
16 ing the annual budget for the District of Columbia
17 government for such fiscal year, as enacted pursuant
18 to this Act; and

19 “(3) the term ‘regular District of Columbia ap-
20 propriation bill’ means, with respect to a fiscal year,
21 an annual appropriation bill making appropriations,
22 otherwise making funds available, or granting au-
23 thority, for the fiscal year for the government of the
24 District of Columbia and other activities chargeable

1 in whole or in part against the revenues of the Dis-
2 trict.

3 “(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply
4 with respect to fiscal year 2017 and each succeeding fiscal
5 year.”.

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

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

“446C. Availability of local funds in absence of Federal law.”.

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