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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 (for himself, Mr. BARR, Mrs. CAMMACK, Mr. FINSTAD, Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Ms. HAGEMAN, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. MILLS, Mr. NEHLS, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. OGLES, Mr. PALMER, Mr. PERRY, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. CLYDE, Ms. GREENE of Georgia, Mr. GILL of Texas, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. FALLON, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. HARRIS of North Carolina, Mr. MCGUIRE, Ms. FEDORCHAK, Mr. CLINE, Mr. FRY, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. ROSE, and Mr. MASSIE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Budget

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 “CBO Show Your Work
3 Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. PUBLICATION OF CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE**
5 **MODELS.**

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

8 (1) by striking “The Director” and inserting
9 the following:

10 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Director”; and

11 (2) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(b) PUBLICATION OF MODELS AND DATA.—The Di-
13 rector of the Congressional Budget Office shall make
14 available to Members of Congress and make publicly avail-
15 able on the website of the Congressional Budget Office—

16 “(1) each fiscal model, policy model, and data
17 preparation routine used by the Congressional Budg-
18 et Office in estimating the costs and other fiscal, so-
19 cial, or economic effects of legislation, including esti-
20 mates prepared under subsection (a);

21 “(2) any update of a model or routine described
22 in paragraph (1);

23 “(3) subject to paragraph (4), for each estimate
24 of the costs and other fiscal effects of legislation, in-
25 cluding estimates prepared under subsection (a), the
26 data, programs, models, assumptions, and other de-

1 tails of the computations used by the Congressional
2 Budget Office in preparing the estimate, in a man-
3 ner sufficient to permit replication by individuals not
4 employed by the Congressional Budget Office; and

5 “(4) for any data that is required not to be dis-
6 closed by the Congressional Budget Office—

7 “(A) a complete list of all data variables
8 for such data;

9 “(B) descriptive statistics for all data vari-
10 ables for such data (including averages, stand-
11 ard deviations, number of observations, and cor-
12 relations to other variables), to the extent that
13 the descriptive statistics do not violate the rule
14 against disclosure;

15 “(C) a reference to the statute requiring
16 that the data not be disclosed; and

17 “(D) information regarding how to contact
18 the individual or entity who has unrestricted ac-
19 cess to the data.”.

20 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
21 subsection (a) shall apply on and after the date that is
22 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act.

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