

Public Law 106-1
106th Congress

An Act

To restore the management and personnel authority of the Mayor of the District of Columbia.

Mar. 5, 1999

[H.R. 433]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "District of Columbia Management Restoration Act of 1999".

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SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds as follows:

(1) Among the major problems of the District of Columbia government has been the failure to clearly delineate accountability.

(2) The statute establishing the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority proved necessary to enable the District to regain financial stability and management control.

(3) The District has performed significantly better than the Congress had anticipated at the time of the passage of the Authority statute.

(4) The necessity for a financial authority has resulted in a diffusion of responsibility between the Mayor, the Council, and the Authority pending the time when the District government would assume the home rule status quo ante.

(5) This lack of clear lines of reporting authority, in turn, has led to some redundancy and confusion about accountability and authority.

(6) The Authority statute requires the Authority to "ensure the most efficient and effective delivery of services, including public safety services, by the District government" and to "assist the District government in * * * ensuring the appropriate and efficient delivery of services".

(7) With the coming of a new administration led by Mayor Anthony Williams, the Authority has taken the first step to ensure the accountability that will be necessary at the expiration of the control period by delegating day-to-day operations over city agencies previously under control of the Authority to the Mayor.

(8) The Congress agrees that the best way to ensure clear and unambiguous authority and full accountability is for the Mayor to have full authority over city agencies so that citizens, the Authority, and the Congress can ascertain responsibility.

Anthony
Williams.

(9) The transition of authority to the new administration will take nothing from the Authority's power to intervene during a control period.

SEC. 3. RESTORATION OF MANAGEMENT AND PERSONNEL AUTHORITY OF MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Subtitle B of title XI of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (D.C. Code, sec. 47-395.1 et seq.) is repealed.

(b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—Section 1604(f)(2)(B) of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 (Public Law 105-34; 111 Stat. 1099) is repealed.

Approved March 5, 1999.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—H.R. 433:

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