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H. R. 1812

To provide for the elimination of the Department of Education, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HEFLEY (for himself, Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina, Mr. CRANE, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. HERGER, and Mr. HOSTETTLER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To provide for the elimination of the Department of Education, 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 “Department of Edu-
5 cation Elimination Act of 1997”.

6 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.**

7 (a) **ELIMINATION.**—The Department of Education is
8 hereby eliminated.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection (a) shall take ef-
2 fect on January 1, 2000.

3 **SEC. 3. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
5 sion of law, prior to January 1, 2000, the Secretary of
6 Education (hereafter in this Act referred to as the “Sec-
7 retary”) shall take such actions as may be necessary to—

8 (1) consolidate into a block grant program
9 those programs that are administered by the De-
10 partment of Education and are appropriate for
11 States to administer; and

12 (2) otherwise provide for the complete elimi-
13 nation of the Department of Education pursuant to
14 section 2.

15 (b) SUBMISSIONS TO CONGRESS.—

16 (1) STRATEGIC PLAN.—Not later than 180 days
17 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
18 retary shall submit to the Congress a plan to carry
19 out subsection (a), which shall include any rec-
20 ommendations for—

21 (A) legislation necessary to carry out sub-
22 section (a); and

23 (B) transfers of functions and activities,
24 including all existing obligations to other exist-
25 ing or successor Federal or State agencies.

1 (2) ABOLISHMENT OF DEPARTMENT OF EDU-
2 CATION.—Not later than 180 days after the date of
3 enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to
4 the Congress a report which shall include—

5 (A) recommendations and a strategic plan
6 for the complete transfer of those programs and
7 agencies considered appropriate for continued
8 Federal administration to other existing depart-
9 ments, and the abolishment of those programs
10 and agencies that are redundant, obsolete, or
11 otherwise unnecessary; and

12 (B) a description of the projected cost sav-
13 ings to the Federal Government that would be
14 achieved through the implementation of such
15 recommendation and strategic plan.

16 **SEC. 4. CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE RECOMMENDA-**
17 **TIONS.**

18 Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment
19 of this Act, the Director of the Congressional Budget Of-
20 fice shall submit to the Committee on Economic and Edu-
21 cational Opportunities of the House of Representatives a
22 list of recommendations for minimizing the cost of Federal
23 education programs through the elimination of the De-
24 partment of Education.

1 **SEC. 5. GAO REPORT.**

2 Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment
3 of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States
4 shall submit to the Committee on Economic and Edu-
5 cational Opportunities of the House of Representatives a
6 report which shall include recommendations for the most
7 efficient means of achieving—

8 (1) the complete elimination of the Department
9 of Education; and

10 (2) the transfer of appropriate functions of the
11 Department of Education to other existing or suc-
12 cessor Federal or State agencies.

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