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H. R. 6136

To amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to require the Director of the Congressional Budget Office to make all data and other information relating to the estimating of the cost of legislation available on its public website.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 17, 2012

Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. BROUN of Georgia, Mr. TIBERI, Mr. STIVERS, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. GOHMERT, and Mr. ROSS of Florida) 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Congressional Budget
5 Office Transparency Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF CBO DATA REGARDING**
2 **THE SCORING OF LEGISLATION.**

3 Section 402 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974
4 is amended by inserting “(a) COST ESTIMATES.—” after
5 “**SEC. 402.**” and by adding at the end the following new
6 subsection:

7 “(b) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF COST ESTIMATE
8 DATA.—(1) Except as provided by paragraph (2), when-
9 ever the Director of the Congressional Budget Office pre-
10 pares an estimate of costs for any bill or resolution under
11 subsection (a), the Director shall post on the public
12 website of the Congressional Budget Office all working pa-
13 pers, including data, informational papers, methodologies,
14 spreadsheets, computer programs, background data, rev-
15 enue estimates, and aggregate data provided by the Joint
16 Committee on Taxation, and any other material used to
17 derive such cost estimate.

18 “(2) The Director of the Congressional Budget Office
19 shall not be required to post on its public website under
20 paragraph (1) any proprietary information utilized by the
21 Congressional Budget Office obtained from a third party
22 with whom there is an agreement not to release such infor-
23 mation.”.

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