



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

May 8, 2007

H.R. 2080

A bill to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to conform the District charter to revisions made by the Council of the District of Columbia relating to public education

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
on May 1, 2007*

H.R. 2080 would strike sections 452 and 495 from the District of Columbia Home Rule Act. Section 452 allows the D.C. mayor and council to establish the maximum amount of funds allocated to the Board of Education but prevents them from specifying the purpose of the funds or the amount that may be expended for activities under the board's jurisdiction. Section 495 vests control of the public schools in the Board of Education and specifies how the board shall be elected. These changes would permit the District to implement legislation already approved by the council to give authority over the school superintendent, operating budget, and capital program of the public school system to the mayor.

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2080 would have no significant effect on the federal budget and would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 2080 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

The CBO staff contacts for this estimate are Justin Humphrey (for federal costs) and Elizabeth Cove (for the intergovernmental impact). The estimate was approved by Robert A. Sunshine, Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.