



AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1473
OFFERED BY MS. NORTON OF THE DISTRICT OF
COLUMBIA

Strike division C and insert the following:

1 **DIVISION C—PUBLIC FUNDS FOR**
2 **PUBLIC EDUCATION ACT**

3 **SEC. 3001. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This division may be cited as the “Public Funds for
5 Public Education Act”.

6 **SEC. 3002. FUNDING FOR DC PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND DC**
7 **PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS.**

8 (a) **GENERAL AUTHORITY.**—From the funds appro-
9 priated under section 3004, the Secretary of Education
10 (in this division referred to as the “Secretary”) shall pro-
11 vide funds to the Mayor of the District of Columbia (in
12 this division referred to as the “Mayor”), if the Mayor
13 agrees to the requirements described in subsection (b),
14 for—

15 (1) the District of Columbia public schools to
16 improve public education in the District of Colum-
17 bia; and

1 (2) the District of Columbia public charter
2 schools to improve and expand quality public charter
3 schools in the District of Columbia.

4 (b) CONDITION OF RECEIPT OF FUNDS.—As a condi-
5 tion of receiving funds under this division on behalf of the
6 District of Columbia public schools and the District of Co-
7 lumbia public charter schools, the Mayor shall agree to
8 carry out the following:

9 (1) AGREEMENT WITH THE SECRETARY.—
10 Enter into an agreement with the Secretary to mon-
11 itor and evaluate the use of funds authorized and
12 appropriated for the District of Columbia public
13 schools and the District of Columbia public charter
14 schools under this division.

15 (2) INFORMATION REQUESTS.—Ensure that all
16 District of Columbia public schools and the District
17 of Columbia public charter schools comply with all
18 reasonable requests for information for purposes of
19 the evaluation described in paragraph (1).

20 (3) SUBMISSION OF REPORT.—Not later than 6
21 months after the first appropriation of funds under
22 section 3004, and each succeeding year thereafter,
23 submit to the Committee on Appropriations, the
24 Committee on Education and the Workforce, and
25 the Committee on Oversight and Government Re-

1 form of the House of Representatives, and the Com-
2 mittee on Appropriations, the Committee on Health,
3 Education, Labor, and Pensions, and the Committee
4 on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of
5 the Senate, information on—

6 (A) how the funds authorized and appro-
7 priated under this division for the District of
8 Columbia public schools and the District of Co-
9 lumbia public charter schools were used in the
10 preceding school year; and

11 (B) how such funds are contributing to
12 student achievement.

13 (4) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—Ensure that all re-
14 ports and underlying data gathered pursuant to this
15 subsection shall be made available to the public upon
16 request, in a timely manner following submission of
17 the applicable report under paragraph (3), except
18 that personally identifiable information shall not be
19 disclosed or made available to the public.

20 (c) ENFORCEMENT.—If, after reasonable notice and
21 an opportunity for a hearing for the Mayor, the Secretary
22 determines that the Mayor has not been in compliance
23 with 1 or more of the requirements described in subsection
24 (b), the Secretary may withhold from the Mayor, in whole
25 or in part, further funds under this division for the Dis-

1 triet of Columbia public schools and the District of Colum-
2 bia public charter schools.

3 **SEC. 3003. PRIORITY CONSIDERATION FOR CERTAIN STU-**
4 **DENTS.**

5 Each District of Columbia public charter school, in
6 selecting new students for admission to the school, shall
7 give priority to students who were provided notification
8 of selection for an opportunity scholarship under the DC
9 School Choice Incentive Act of 2003 (sec. 38-1851.01 et
10 seq., D.C. Official Code) for the 2009-2010 school year,
11 but whose scholarship was later rescinded in accordance
12 with direction from the Secretary of Education.

13 **SEC. 3004. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

14 There are authorized to be appropriated \$60,000,000
15 for fiscal year 2012 and each of the 4 succeeding fiscal
16 years, of which—

17 (1) 50 percent shall be made available to carry
18 out paragraph (1) of section 3002(a) for each fiscal
19 year; and

20 (2) 50 percent shall be made available to carry
21 out paragraph (2) of section 3002(a) for each fiscal
22 year.

