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H. R. 3428

To require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a review of the Mid-Atlantic River Basin Commissions, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BRESNAHAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Mid-Atlantic River
5 Basin Commissions Review Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. MID-ATLANTIC RIVER BASIN COMMISSIONS.**

7 (a) GAO REPORT.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
9 the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller

1 General of the United States shall initiate a review
2 of the Mid-Atlantic River Basin Commissions.

3 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—In conducting the review
4 under paragraph (1), the Comptroller General
5 shall—

6 (A) review the ethics policies and practices
7 of each Mid-Atlantic River Basin Commission;

8 (B) review the practices each Mid-Atlantic
9 River Basin Commission uses to communicate
10 with the general public;

11 (C) review current Federal responsibilities
12 at each Mid-Atlantic River Basin Commission,
13 including the types of actions taken by relevant
14 Federal agencies in carrying out such respon-
15 sibilities;

16 (D) describe the level and sources of Fed-
17 eral and State funding received by each Mid-At-
18 lantic River Basin Commission;

19 (E) identify duties and responsibilities of
20 each Mid-Atlantic River Basin Commission that
21 may be duplicative of, or overlap with, other
22 Federal authorities; and

23 (F) review policies and best practices of
24 each Mid-Atlantic River Basin Commission for
25 reporting activities of the Commission.

1 (3) REPORT.—Upon completion of the review
2 conducted under paragraph (1), the Comptroller
3 General shall submit to the Committee on Transpor-
4 tation and Infrastructure of the House of Represent-
5 atives and the Committee on Environment and Pub-
6 lic Works of the Senate a report containing—

7 (A) the findings of such review; and

8 (B) any recommendations, including any
9 recommendations for statutory or administra-
10 tive changes or changes to ethics policies and
11 practices, to increase the transparency or con-
12 gressional oversight of the Mid-Atlantic River
13 Basin Commissions.

14 (b) PLAN FOR COMPLIANCE.—Not later than 90 days
15 after the Comptroller General submits the report required
16 under subsection (a)(3), and annually thereafter for five
17 years, each Mid-Atlantic River Basin Commission shall
18 submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infra-
19 structure of the House of Representatives and the Com-
20 mittee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate
21 a plan detailing actions such Commission has taken to
22 comply with the recommendations contained in such re-
23 port.

1 (c) MID-ATLANTIC RIVER BASIN COMMISSION DE-
2 FINED.—In this section, the term “Mid-Atlantic River
3 Basin Commission” means—

4 (1) the Susquehanna River Basin Commission
5 created by the Susquehanna River Basin Compact to
6 which consent was given by Public Law 91–575 (84
7 Stat. 1509);

8 (2) the Delaware River Basin Commission cre-
9 ated by the Delaware River Basin Compact to which
10 consent was given by Public Law 87–328 (75 Stat.
11 688); and

12 (3) the Interstate Commission on the Potomac
13 River Basin created by the Potomac River Basin
14 Compact to which consent was given by Public Law
15 91–407 (84 Stat. 856).

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