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To abolish the Environmental Protection Agency, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana introduced the following bill; which was referred
to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To abolish the Environmental Protection Agency, 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 “Sovereign State Envi-
5 ronmental Quality Assurance Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ABOLISHMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTEC-**
2 **TION AGENCY.**

3 (a) **ABOLISHMENT.**—Effective on the termination
4 date under subsection (c), the Environmental Protection
5 Agency is abolished.

6 (b) **ABOLITION OF FUNCTIONS.**—All functions, in-
7 cluding any duty, obligation, power, authority, responsi-
8 bility, right, privilege, activity, or program, that, imme-
9 diately before the termination date under subsection (c),
10 were functions of the Environmental Protection Agency
11 are abolished effective on such termination date.

12 (c) **TERMINATION DATE.**—The termination date
13 under this subsection is the date that is 270 days after
14 the date of enactment of this Act.

15 (d) **WIND-UP ACTIVITIES.**—The Administrator of the
16 Environmental Protection Agency shall take such actions
17 as may be necessary to wind up any outstanding obliga-
18 tions, activities, or affairs of the Environmental Protection
19 Agency prior to the termination date under subsection (c).

20 (e) **PROGRESS REPORT.**—Not later than 90 days
21 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator
22 of the Environmental Protection Agency shall submit to
23 Congress a report on the Agency's progress in winding up
24 the affairs of the Agency by not later than the termination
25 date under subsection (c).

1 (f) REPEALS.—Effective on the termination date
2 under subsection (c), any provision of law authorizing or
3 requiring the Environmental Protection Agency to per-
4 form any function is, to the extent such provision of law
5 applies to the Environmental Protection Agency, repealed.

6 **SEC. 3. BLOCK GRANTS TO DESIGNATED STATE ENVIRON-**
7 **MENTAL QUALITY DEPARTMENTS.**

8 (a) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),
10 the Secretary of the Treasury shall allocate funds
11 made available pursuant to paragraph (5) to each
12 covered State in the proportion to which the total
13 population of such covered State bears to the total
14 population of all the covered States, as determined
15 by the last preceding decennial census.

16 (2) BLOCK GRANT CONDITIONS.—

17 (A) DESIGNATION OF STATE AGENCY OR
18 DEPARTMENT.—As a condition of a covered
19 State receiving an allocation of funds under this
20 subsection, the Governor of such covered State
21 shall designate the environmental quality de-
22 partment or departments of such covered State
23 that will use the funds to carry out the pro-
24 grams and activities described in paragraph (4).

1 (B) AUDITS.—As a condition of a covered
2 State receiving an allocation of funds under this
3 subsection, the Governor of such covered State
4 shall commit to—

5 (i) completing audits on the use of
6 funds by each environmental quality de-
7 partment designated pursuant to subpara-
8 graph (A) as the Secretary of the Treasury
9 determines appropriate; and

10 (ii) submitting to the Secretary of the
11 Treasury the results of such audits at such
12 time and in such manner as the Secretary
13 of the Treasury determines appropriate.

14 (3) MISUSED FUNDS.—If the Secretary of the
15 Treasury finds that any funds made available pursu-
16 ant to this section have been misused by a covered
17 State, or any environmental quality department
18 thereof designated pursuant to paragraph (2), the
19 Secretary of the Treasury may require repayment of
20 the misused funds and withhold Federal funds made
21 available pursuant to this section until such repay-
22 ment occurs.

23 (4) USE OF FUNDS.—An environmental quality
24 department designated pursuant to paragraph (2)
25 shall use funds made available to such environ-

1 mental quality department pursuant to this section
2 to carry out programs and activities relating to air
3 quality, water quality (including protection and safe-
4 ty of drinking water), management of solid and haz-
5 ardous waste, chemical safety and emergency re-
6 sponse, radiation protection, and remediation of con-
7 taminated sites.

8 (5) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

9 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out
10 this subsection \$4,400,000,000 for each of fiscal
11 years 2026 through 2029.

12 (b) DEFINITION OF COVERED STATE.—In this sec-
13 tion, the term “covered State” means each of the several
14 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin
15 Islands, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and Amer-
16 ican Samoa.

17 (c) AUTHORIZATION FOR ADMINISTRATION.—There
18 is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of the
19 Treasury such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal
20 years 2026 through 2029 to—

21 (1) administer any allocation of funds made
22 available pursuant to subsection (a)(5); and

23 (2) audit the use of funds made available pur-
24 suant to subsection (a)(5) and report to Congress on
25 the results of any such audit.

1 **SEC. 4. ANNUAL GAO STUDY AND REPORT.**

2 (a) ANNUAL STUDY AND REPORT.—The Comptroller
3 General of the United States shall—

4 (1) annually, for each of fiscal years 2026
5 through 2029, conduct a study on the implementa-
6 tion and effectiveness of this Act; and

7 (2) submit to Congress, not later than 180 days
8 after the end of the fiscal year with respect to which
9 a study under paragraph (1) is conducted, a report
10 on the results of such study.

11 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
12 authorized to be appropriated to the Comptroller General
13 of the United States to carry out this section such sums
14 as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2026 through
15 2029.