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[Report No. 119-]

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

MAY 15, 2025

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

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Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union,
and ordered to be printed

A BILL

To require the Comptroller General of the United States
to conduct a review of the Mid-Atlantic River Basin
Commissions, 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 “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
10 General of the United States shall initiate a review
11 of the Mid-Atlantic River Basin Commissions.

12 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—In conducting the review
13 under paragraph (1), the Comptroller General
14 shall—

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

17 (B) review the practices each Mid-Atlantic
18 River Basin Commission uses to communicate
19 with the general public;

20 (C) review current Federal responsibilities
21 at each Mid-Atlantic River Basin Commission,
22 including the types of actions taken by relevant
23 Federal agencies in carrying out such respon-
24 sibilities;

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

4 (E) identify duties and responsibilities of
5 each Mid-Atlantic River Basin Commission that
6 may be duplicative of, or overlap with, other
7 Federal authorities; and

8 (F) review policies and best practices of
9 each Mid-Atlantic River Basin Commission for
10 reporting activities of the Commission.

11 (3) REPORT.—Upon completion of the review
12 conducted under paragraph (1), the Comptroller
13 General shall submit to the Committee on Transpor-
14 tation and Infrastructure of the House of Represent-
15 atives and the Committee on Environment and Pub-
16 lic Works of the Senate a report containing—

17 (A) the findings of such review; and

18 (B) any recommendations, including any
19 recommendations for statutory or administra-
20 tive changes or changes to ethics policies and
21 practices, to increase the transparency or con-
22 gressional oversight of the Mid-Atlantic River
23 Basin Commissions.

24 (b) PLAN FOR COMPLIANCE.—Not later than 90 days
25 after the Comptroller General submits the report required

1 under subsection (a)(3), and annually thereafter for five
2 years, each Mid-Atlantic River Basin Commission shall
3 submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infra-
4 structure of the House of Representatives and the Com-
5 mittee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate
6 a plan detailing actions such Commission has taken to
7 comply with the recommendations contained in such re-
8 port.

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

12 (1) the Susquehanna River Basin Commission
13 created by the Susquehanna River Basin Compact to
14 which consent was given by Public Law 91–575 (84
15 Stat. 1509);

16 (2) the Delaware River Basin Commission cre-
17 ated by the Delaware River Basin Compact to which
18 consent was given by Public Law 87–328 (75 Stat.
19 688); and

20 (3) the Interstate Commission on the Potomac
21 River Basin created by the Potomac River Basin
22 Compact to which consent was given by Public Law
23 91–407 (84 Stat. 856).