

Special District Grant Accessibility Act

Section-by-Section Summary

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Bill Number: S. 4673

Short Title: Special District Grant Accessibility Act

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Bill Text: [Click here](#)

Bill Purpose: “To require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue guidance to agencies requiring special districts to be recognized as local government for the purpose of Federal financial assistance determinations.”

Section 1

Titles the bill the “Special District Grant Accessibility Act”

Section 2

This section would require federal agencies to acknowledge special districts as recipients of federal funding.

- This section would require the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) – the clearing house for rules, regulations, and actions of federal programming – to issue guidance within six months clarifying how all federal agencies should consider special districts as units of local government in applicable programs.
- Federal agencies would have one year to implement the guidance from the date it is issued.
- OMB must report back to Congress within two years of the bill becoming law with an evaluation of how the special district guidance was issued.

Definitions within Section 2

- The term “agency” is defined as any executive department, military department, Government corporation, Government controlled corporation, or other establishment in the executive branch of the Government (including the Executive Office of the President), or any independent regulatory agency.
- “Federal Financial Assistance” is broadly defined to include most federal financial assistance with the exception of reimbursements or assistance targeted for individuals (people).
- “State” is defined as a state, commonwealth, territory, U.S. possession, or federally-recognized Tribe.
- “Special district” is defined as “a political subdivision of a State, with specified boundaries and significant budgetary autonomy or control, created by or pursuant to the laws of the State, for the purpose of performing limited and specific governmental or proprietary functions that distinguish it as a significantly separate entity from the administrative governance structure of any other form of local government unit within a State.”