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The Congressional Budget Office Data Sharing Act introduced by the House Budget Committee's Chairman Jodey Arrington (R-TX) and Ranking Member Brendan Boyle (D-PA) will help CBO to respond to congressional requests for legislative analyses in a timelier manner.

Under current policies, CBO can encounter roadblocks in getting information it needs from federal agencies that lead to avoidable delays. The bill would add the CBO to the same exemption to the Privacy Act of 1974 that is provided to the Government Accountability Office and both chambers of Congress. It is also important to note that CBO is obligated to protect data in the same way as other federal agencies.

The bipartisan CBO Data Sharing Act would help improve CBO's important work by streamlining its access to needed information. In turn, CBO can provide lawmakers and taxpayers with more accurate and timely cost estimates of legislative proposals.

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