



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

November 5, 1999

S. 1750

Child Abuse Prevention and Enforcement Act

As reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on October 28, 1999

SUMMARY

S. 1750 would authorize the appropriation of \$2 million for each of fiscal years 2000 through 2002 for the Department of Justice (DOJ) to make grants to states to improve the reporting of unidentified and missing persons. The bill also would permit recipients of certain DOJ grants to use such funds for various child protection programs and would provide for increased spending for child abuse programs from the Crime Victims Fund.

Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 1750 would cost about \$6 million over the 2000-2004 period. Enacting this legislation could affect direct spending, so pay-as-you-go procedures would apply; however, CBO estimates that the amounts involved would be less than \$500,000 a year. S. 1750 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA). Any costs incurred by state, local, or tribal governments would result from complying with conditions of receiving federal grants.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 1750 is shown in the following table. For the purposes of this estimate, CBO assumes that the authorized amounts will be appropriated near the start of each fiscal year and that outlays will follow the historical spending rates for similar programs. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 750 (administration of justice).

The bill's provisions regarding spending for child protection and child abuse programs would reallocate federal funds among similar activities. Thus, CBO estimates that S. 1750 would not significantly change the net discretionary spending from the affected grant programs or the net direct spending from the Crime Victims Fund.

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
Authorization Level	2	2	2	0	0
Estimated Outlays	a	1	2	2	1

a. Less than \$500,000.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS

The Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act sets up pay-as-you-go procedures for legislation affecting direct spending or receipts. Enacting S. 1750 could affect the amount of direct spending from the Crime Victims Fund, but CBO estimates that any such change would be less than \$500,000 a year.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 1750 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA. Any costs incurred by state, local, or tribal governments would result from complying with conditions of receiving federal grants.

PREVIOUS CBO ESTIMATE

On October 1, 1999, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 764, the Child Abuse Prevention and Enforcement Act, as ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on September 28, 1999. H.R. 764 would not authorize funding for grants to improve the reporting on unidentified and missing persons, and our cost estimates reflect that difference between the two bills.

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