



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 3257  
State Flexibility Clarification Act**

*As introduced and referred to the House Committee on Rules on November 8, 1999*

H.R. 3257 would amend the Congressional Budget Act to expand the definition of intergovernmental mandates. Under the bill, any future legislation that would increase the stringency of conditions for federal aid under certain large entitlement programs, would contain an intergovernmental mandate as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA). The bill also would require Congressional committees to include a statement in their committee reports on whether a public bill or joint resolution would reduce funding for certain entitlement programs, and the extent to which the legislation would provide states with flexibility to offset any such reductions in federal funding. Finally, H.R. 3257 would direct CBO to include information in its cost estimates concerning states' flexibility to adjust to reductions in federal funding for certain large entitlement programs. CBO estimates that the cost of implementing the bill would not be significant.

H.R. 3257 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Because the bill would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-procedures would not apply.

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