



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 2305
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Restructuring Act of 2002**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs
on March 21, 2002*

H.R. 2305 would authorize certain federal officials involved in the criminal justice system of the District of Columbia to serve on and participate in the activities of the District of Columbia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. The act would authorize the appropriation of the necessary sums to cover the costs incurred by the council.

Assuming the appropriation of the necessary funds, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2305 would cost about \$500,000 annually. That estimate assumes that the council would hire a staff of five individuals. Because the act would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

H.R. 2305 would require the District of Columbia Justice Coordinating Council to prepare an annual report describing the activities carried out by the council during the year. This requirement would be an intergovernmental mandate as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA). CBO estimates that the cost to the District of Columbia in complying with this mandate would not be significant and thus would fall well below the threshold established by UMRA (\$58 million in 2002, adjusted annually for inflation). Further, the bill would authorize funding to cover the costs incurred by the council. The act contains no private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA.

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