



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 3833

Dot Kids Implementation and Efficiency Act of 2002

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on
April 10, 2002*

H.R. 3833 would require that the contractor that administers the U.S. Internet domain establish a second-level domain that would contain only material suitable for minors. The bill also would require the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) within the Department of Commerce to publicize the new domain and educate parents on its use.

Based on information from the Department of Commerce, CBO estimates that launching a publicity and education campaign for the new domain would cost less than \$500,000 per year, subject to the availability of appropriated funds. H.R. 3833 would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

H.R. 3833 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. H.R. 3833 would outline conditions of a new agreement between the NTIA and the registry currently under contract with the NTIA to manage the U.S. country code Internet domain. The new agreement would require the registry to establish, operate, and maintain a second level domain that provides access only to material that is suitable for and not harmful to children under 13 years of age. Any costs resulting from the agreement would be incurred voluntarily by the registry as a party to that agreement.

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