



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 2023
Asthmatic Schoolchildren's Treatment and
Health Management Act of 2004**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on June 24, 2004

H.R. 2023 would modify the Public Health Service Act by directing the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in making any asthma-related grant to a state, to give preference to states that require schools to permit students to self-administer medication for asthma and anaphylaxis.

The bill would not change the purposes for which the Secretary makes asthma-related grants. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 2023 would not have a significant effect on the federal budget. Enacting H.R. 2023 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 2023 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act, but it would alter conditions for the Children's Asthma Treatment Grants Program and other asthma-related grants, giving preferences to states who allow schoolchildren to self-administer asthma medication. While the bill would not alter the total amount of grants available, the new preferences could change the distribution of funds among states.

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