



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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H.R. 3015

**A bill to provide for the establishment of a controlled
substance monitoring program in each state**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce
on September 30, 2004*

H.R. 3015 would authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make grants to states to establish electronic database systems for monitoring the dispensing of controlled substances. The database would be used to identify, and report to appropriate authorities, the potential unlawful diversion or misuse of a controlled substance. Beginning in 2007, the Secretary would be responsible for such monitoring and reporting in states that do not establish such an electronic database system.

The bill would authorize appropriation of \$25 million in each of fiscal years 2006 and 2007, and \$15 million for each fiscal year 2008 through 2010. Assuming appropriation of those amounts, and based on spending patterns for similar programs, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 3015 would cost \$68 million over the 2005-2009 period. H.R. 3015 would have no effect on direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 3015 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act. It would establish a grant program for states to monitor controlled substances and to notify authorities when they suspect that controlled substances are being improperly dispensed or used.

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