



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 627

A bill to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to revoke bonuses paid to employees involved in electronic wait list manipulations, and for other purposes

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs
on July 22, 2015*

S. 627 would prohibit the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) from paying awards and bonuses to employees who have violated certain laws or VA policies. In addition, such employees would be required to repay any awards or bonuses received during a year in which VA makes a determination of such a violation.

The bill also would require VA to retain records of all admonishments and reprimands in employees' permanent records for the duration of their employment by the department. CBO estimates that implementing S. 627 would increase spending subject to appropriation by less than \$500,000 over the 2016-2020 period; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

Enacting S. 627 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

S. 627 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

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