



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**S. 993**  
**Comprehensive Justice and Mental Health Act of 2015**  
*As reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on April 30, 2015*

**SUMMARY**

S. 993 would authorize the appropriation of \$30 million annually over the 2016-2020 period for the Department of Justice to make grants to state, local, and tribal governments to improve mental health services in the criminal justice system, including programs to enhance services provided by correctional facilities and programs to assist certain military veterans.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 993 would cost \$100 million over the 2016-2020 period. Pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply to this legislation because it would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 993 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA).

**ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 993 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 750 (administration of justice).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2016-2020
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	

**CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION**

Authorization Level	30	30	30	30	30	150
Estimated Outlays	7	15	22	26	30	100

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the amounts authorized in the bill will be appropriated by the start of each fiscal year and that outlays will follow the historical rate of spending for this program.

**PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS:** None.

### **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

S. 993 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA. State, local, and tribal governments would benefit from grants for mental health services and other activities. Any costs to those entities would be incurred voluntarily as a condition of receiving federal assistance.

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