



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 669 **Sudden Unexpected Death Data Enhancement and Awareness Act**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce
on July 15, 2014*

H.R. 669 would require the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS), acting through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), to continue to carry out certain activities relating to sudden unexpected death in the young.

The legislation would direct the Secretary of HHS to:

- Support surveillance efforts relating to stillbirths and sudden unexpected death in children, including the development of standard protocols for data collection;
- Promote standard protocols for the investigation of death scenes; and
- Review and update guidelines for post-mortem data collection and for certain types of autopsy examinations.

The CDC currently supports such activities; thus, CBO estimates that requiring those same activities under H.R. 669 would have no incremental cost to the federal government.

The bill would also require the Secretary to submit a report to the Congress on activities relating to stillbirth and sudden deaths in the young. CBO expects that the costs of producing that report would be negligible.

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 669 would not have a significant effect on federal spending. The bill would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 669 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.

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