



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

July 22, 2009

**H.R. 2770
Veterans Nonprofit Research and Education Corporations
Enhancement Act of 2009**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on July 15, 2009

H.R. 2770 would amend current law pertaining to certain VA research and education facilities. Those facilities are private nonprofit entities that are prohibited from using appropriated funds and rely solely on cash or in-kind donations to conduct medical research and provide training. Nonetheless, such facilities would undertake activities on behalf of the federal government.

Section 5 would authorize the facilities to charge fees for their education and training programs. Those fees would be retained and spent by the facilities, and CBO estimates that enacting this provision would not have a significant net effect on direct spending. Enacting the bill would not affect spending subject to appropriation or revenues.

H.R. 2770 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

On July 16, 2009, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 252, the Veterans Health Care Authorization Act of 2009, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs on May 21, 2009. Title VI of S. 252 is similar to H.R. 2770, as are their estimated costs.

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