



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

September 28, 2004

S. 480

Training for Realtime Writers Act of 2003

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science,
and Transportation on September 22, 2004*

SUMMARY

CBO estimates that implementing this legislation would cost \$40 million over the next five years, assuming the appropriation of the authorized amounts. The funds would be used by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) to provide grants to entities that train court reports, including court reporters who have completed training programs for realtime writers. The grants would be used to promote training and job placement for such individuals.

Enacting this bill would not affect direct spending or revenues. S. 480 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA); any costs to state, local, or tribal governments would result from complying with conditions of federal assistance.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 480 is shown in the following table. For this estimate, CBO assumes that \$20 million authorized to be appropriated for both 2005 and 2006 will be appropriated and that outlays will follow historical trends for similar programs. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 370 (commerce and housing credit).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
Authorization Level	20	20	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	2	11	14	9	4

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

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