



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 829

Sunshine in the Courtroom Act of 2005

As reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on March 30, 2006

S. 829 would allow federal appellate court judges to permit the use of still cameras, television cameras, and other electronic recording devices to record, broadcast, or televise court proceedings. The federal court system currently prohibits such devices in federal courtrooms. CBO estimates that enacting S. 829 would have no significant impact on the federal budget.

S. 829 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.

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