



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE

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**H.R. 3583**

**Malala Yousafzai Scholarship Act**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on April 3, 2014*

H.R. 3583 would require the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to ensure that at least half of all scholarships provided to Pakistani students under an existing program be provided to women. Of the roughly 290 scholarships provided in calendar year 2011 under USAID's Merit and Needs-Based Scholarship Program, 81 scholarships went to women (no scholarships were provided in 2012 or 2013). In calendar years 2014 through 2016, the bill would require USAID to make every effort to award at least half of all scholarships to women. The bill also would require USAID to provide annual briefings to the Congress on its progress in implementing those requirements.

USAID has indicated that it would meet the bill's requirements under its current plans to provide 1,167 scholarships in 2014, 1,015 in 2015, and 818 in 2016. In each of those years, women would receive at least half of all scholarships provided. Therefore, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 3583 would not result in any additional scholarships being provided and would have no effect on the federal budget. Pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply to this legislation because it would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 3583 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 September 24, 2013, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S.120, the Malala Yousafzai Scholarship Act, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations on September 17, 2013. That bill is similar to H.R. 3583, and CBO's estimates of the costs of both bills are the same.

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