



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

January 25, 2007

### **H.R. 365** **Methamphetamine Remediation Research Act of 2007**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Science and Technology  
on January 24, 2007*

#### **SUMMARY**

H.R. 365 would establish a new research program for the cleanup of closed laboratories that have been used to produce methamphetamine. This legislation would authorize the appropriation of \$1.7 million for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and \$750,000 for the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) for each of fiscal years 2007 and 2008 to support such a program. EPA and NIST would establish guidelines on assessing sites and cleaning up contaminants, hold a conference to discuss research and guidelines with interested parties, and support research for the development of the guidelines and new detection technologies. The bill also would require the National Academy of Sciences to study the residual effects of methamphetamine laboratories on the environment.

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 365 would cost about \$5 million over the 2007-2009 period, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts. Enacting H.R. 365 would not affect direct spending or receipts.

H.R. 365 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 be incurred voluntarily.

#### **ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 365 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment). For this estimate, CBO assumes that the bill will be enacted in fiscal year 2007 and that the amounts authorized by the bill will be appropriated for each fiscal year. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns for similar programs.

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|  | By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars |      |      |      |      |      |
|--|--|------|------|------|------|------|
|  | 2007                                   | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |

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**CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION**

|                       |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| EPA Research Program  |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Authorization Level   | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Estimated Outlays     | 1 | 2 | * | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|                       |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| NTIS Research Program |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Authorization Level   | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Estimated Outlays     | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|                       |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Total Changes         |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Authorization Level   | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Estimated Outlays     | 2 | 3 | * | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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NOTE: \* = less than \$500,000.

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**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

H.R. 365 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA. State, local, and tribal governments would be able to adopt voluntary guidelines developed by EPA for the remediation of former methamphetamine laboratories. Any costs would be incurred voluntarily.

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