



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

May 7, 2007

H.R. 916

John R. Justice Prosecutors and Defenders Incentive Act of 2007

As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on May 2, 2007

SUMMARY

H.R. 916 would authorize the appropriation of \$25 million for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2013 for the Department of Justice to establish a program to repay student loans for certain prosecutors and public defenders who agree to serve for at least three years in those positions. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$83 million over the 2008-2012 period, with additional amounts spent in later years. Enacting H.R. 916 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 916 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 916 is shown in the following table. For this estimate, CBO assumes that the amounts authorized by the bill will be appropriated by the beginning of each fiscal year. For this estimate, CBO assumes that outlays will follow the historical rate of spending for similar programs. The cost of this legislation falls within budget function 750 (administration of justice).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
Authorization Level	25	25	25	25	25
Estimated Outlays	6	13	17	22	25

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 916 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

PREVIOUS CBO ESTIMATE

On March 9, 2007, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 442, the John R. Justice Prosecutors and Defenders Incentive Act of 2007, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on March 1, 2007. That bill would authorize the appropriation of \$25 million for fiscal year 2008 and such sums as may be necessary for each subsequent year for the loan repayment program. CBO estimated that implementing S. 442 would cost about \$90 million over the 2008-2012 period.

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