



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

May 30, 2008

**S. 1210**

**Drug Endangered Children Act of 2007**

*As reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on May 22, 2008*

**SUMMARY**

S. 1210 would authorize the appropriation of \$20 million for fiscal year 2009 for the Attorney General to make grants to states to assist children living with parents or guardians who abuse drugs. CBO estimates that implementing S. 1210 would cost \$20 million over the 2009-2013 period, assuming the appropriation of the authorized amount. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or receipts.

S. 1210 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 S. 1210 is shown in the following table. For this estimate, CBO assumes that the authorized amount will be appropriated by the beginning of fiscal year 2009 and that outlays will follow the historical spending rates for similar activities. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 750 (administration of justice).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2009- 2013
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	
<b>CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>						
Authorization Level	20	0	0	0	0	20
Estimated Outlays	4	6	4	3	3	20

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

S. 1210 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. CBO estimates that state governments would receive about \$20 million over the next several years for grants authorized in the bill. Any costs to those governments to comply with grant requirements would be incurred voluntarily as conditions of receiving federal assistance.

## **PREVIOUS CBO ESTIMATE**

On August 8, 2007, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 1199, the Drug Endangered Children Act of 2007, as ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on July 25, 2007. That legislation authorized the appropriation of \$20 million for each of fiscal years 2008 and 2009 for grants to assist children living with parents who abuse drugs, and CBO estimated that implementing H.R. 1199 would cost \$37 million over the 2008-2012 period, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts.

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