



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 2511

A bill to amend the grant program for law enforcement armor vests to provide for a waiver of or reduction in the matching funds requirement in the case of fiscal hardship

As reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on May 15, 2008

SUMMARY

Current law authorizes the appropriation of \$50 million for fiscal year 2009 for the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant program. Under that program the Department of Justice (DOJ) makes grants to state and local law enforcement agencies to purchase bulletproof vests. S. 2511 would extend the current authorization of funding through fiscal year 2012 and would permit DOJ to waive the requirement that grant recipients match the federal contribution for this program. CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$106 million over the 2009-2013 period, subject to appropriation of the authorized amounts. Enacting S. 2511 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 2511 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA).

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 2511 is shown in the following table. CBO assumes that the amounts authorized by the bill will be appropriated by the start of each fiscal year and that outlays will follow the historical rate of spending for this program. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 750 (administration of justice).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Spending for Grants Under Current Law						
Authorization Level ^a	26	50	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	27	32	28	18	11	7
Proposed Changes						
Authorization Level	0	0	50	50	50	0
Estimated Outlays	0	0	11	26	36	33
Total - Including Spending Authorized by S. 2511						
Authorization Level ^a	26	50	50	50	50	0
Estimated Outlays	27	32	39	44	47	40

a. The 2008 level is the amount appropriated for that year for Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grants. The 2009 level is the amount authorized in current law for this program.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 2511 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA. State, local, or tribal governments that experience fiscal hardship could benefit from the proposed waiver of the matching-fund requirement.

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