



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 2343  
Education Begins at Home Act of 2008**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Education and Labor  
on June 18, 2008*

**SUMMARY**

H.R. 2343 would authorize the appropriation of \$190 million for 2009 and such sums as may be necessary for each year from 2010 through 2013 for grants to provide home visitation services during early childhood. In addition, the bill would authorize the appropriation of such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 2009 through 2013 to provide a public information and educational campaign regarding proper care for children under five years of age.

CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$57 million in 2009 and \$767 million over the 2009-2013 period, assuming the appropriation of the necessary amounts. Enacting H.R. 2343 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 2343 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. 2343 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget functions 050 (national defense) and 500 (education, training, employment, and social services).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2009- 2013
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	
<b>CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>						
Early Childhood Home Visitation						
Estimated Authorization Level	150	153	156	159	162	780
Estimated Outlays	45	90	153	156	159	603
Early Childhood Home Visitation - English Language Learners						
Estimated Authorization Level	20	20	21	21	22	104
Estimated Outlays	6	12	20	21	21	80
Early Childhood Home Visitation - Military Families						
Estimated Authorization Level	20	20	21	21	22	104
Estimated Outlays	6	12	20	21	21	80
Public Information and Education Campaign						
Estimated Authorization Level	1	1	1	1	1	5
Estimated Outlays	*	1	1	1	1	4
Total Changes						
Estimated Authorization Level	191	194	199	202	207	993
Estimated Outlays	57	115	194	199	202	767

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

## BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that H.R. 2343 will be enacted near the end of fiscal year 2008, the authorized amounts will be appropriated by the beginning of each fiscal year, and outlays will follow historical spending patterns.

The bill would authorize appropriations for three programs to provide home visitation services during early childhood and would increase spending by \$763 million over the 2009-2013 period, assuming appropriation of the estimated amounts. For each of those programs, the bill would authorize a specific amount for 2009 and such sums as may be necessary for the years 2010-2013. CBO assumes that the amount authorized for 2009 would be adjusted for inflation for each year through 2013. Specifically H.R. 2343 would:

- Authorize the appropriation of \$150 million for 2009 for grants to provide visitation services to all families. CBO estimates that implementing this program would increase discretionary costs by \$603 million over the 2009-2013 period.
- Authorize the appropriation of \$20 million for 2009 for grants to provide visitation services targeted to families with individuals learning English. CBO estimates that implementing this program would increase discretionary costs by \$80 million over the 2009-2013 period.
- Authorize the appropriation of \$20 million for 2009 for grants to provide visitation services targeted to military families. CBO estimates that implementing this program would increase discretionary costs by \$80 million over the 2009-2013 period.

Finally, the bill would authorize such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 2009 through 2013 to provide a public education campaign designed to teach new parents about the importance of proper care for children under five years of age. CBO estimates that this provision would cost \$4 million over the 2009-2013 period, assuming the availability of appropriated funds.

## **ESTIMATED IMPACT ON STATE, LOCAL, AND TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS**

H.R. 2343 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA. Grant funds authorized in the bill would benefit state, local, and tribal governments that provide home visitation services to families with young children. Any costs those governments incur to comply with grant requirements, including providing matching funds or submitting reports, would be incurred voluntarily.

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