



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**S. 3155
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
Reauthorization Act of 2008**

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on July 31, 2008

SUMMARY

S. 3155 would authorize the appropriation of \$3.7 billion over the 2009-2013 period for the Department of Justice (DOJ) to make grants to state and local governments for programs to reduce juvenile delinquency and improve the juvenile justice system. In addition, the bill would authorize the appropriation of such sums as may be necessary for juvenile delinquency block grants and state challenge grants.

Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 3155 would cost about \$2.3 billion over the 2009-2013 period and another \$2 billion in subsequent years. Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 3155 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 budget impact of S. 3155 is shown in the following table. The cost of this legislation falls within budget function 750 (administration of justice).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2009-2013
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Programs with Specified Funding Levels						
Authorization Level	549	649	749	848	948	3,743
Estimated Outlays	66	232	409	583	750	2,040
Other Programs						
Estimated Authorization Level	97	100	103	106	109	515
Estimated Outlays	12	39	64	86	103	304
Total Changes						
Estimated Authorization Level	646	749	852	954	1,057	4,258
Estimated Outlays	78	271	473	669	853	2,344

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

CBO estimates that S. 3155 would authorize a total of nearly \$4.3 billion over the 2009-2013 period for the juvenile justice and delinquency prevention programs covered by the bill. That total includes the \$3.7 billion specified in the bill for various programs and an estimated \$515 million for juvenile justice block grants and state challenge grants. CBO estimated the cost of the block grants and challenge grants by adjusting the amounts appropriated for those programs for 2008 for anticipated inflation.

Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 3155 would cost about \$2.3 billion over the 2009-2013 period, with the remaining amounts spent in subsequent years. For this estimate, CBO assumes that the authorized and estimated amounts will be appropriated near the start of each fiscal year and that spending will follow the historical spending patterns for these activities.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 3155 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. The bill would add new requirements for governments that participate in certain federal programs related to juvenile justice. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, state, local, and tribal governments would receive about \$2.3 billion over the 2009-2013 period.

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