



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

May 27, 1999

### **H.R. 1659**

### **National Police Training Commission Act of 1999**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on May 19, 1999*

#### **SUMMARY**

H.R. 1659 would authorize the appropriation of \$3 million for fiscal year 2000 for the Attorney General to provide training and other assistance to law enforcement agencies of selected cities. The bill also would establish the National Police Training Commission. Assuming appropriation of the necessary funds, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1659 would result in additional discretionary spending of about \$4 million over the 2000-2004 period.

This legislation would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. H.R. 1659 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA). Any requirements imposed on states would be a condition of receiving certain grants under the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 (Public Law 103-322).

#### **ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 1659 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 750 (administration of justice).

For the purposes of this estimate, CBO assumes that the amounts authorized by the bill for training and other assistance to law enforcement agencies will be appropriated by the start of fiscal year 2000 and that outlays will follow the historical spending patterns of similar programs administered by the Department of Justice.

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
<b>SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>					
Spending Under Current Law					
Authorization Level <sup>a</sup>	6	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	3	2	1	0	0
Proposed Changes					
Estimated Authorization Level	4	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	2	1	1	0	0
Spending Under H.R. 1659					
Estimated Authorization Level <sup>a</sup>	10	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	5	3	2	0	0

a. The 2000 level is the amount authorized for training assistance for law enforcement agencies in Public Law 103-322. That law also authorized funding for training assistance for 1999 and previous years, but to date, no funds have been appropriated for that purpose.

The National Police Training Commission, composed of five members appointed by the Congress, would prepare a report within one year on the effectiveness of various personnel and funding policies for law enforcement agencies. CBO expects that the commission would hire a small staff, meet once a month, and gather extensive testimony from witnesses. Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that the commission would cost about \$700,000 in fiscal year 2000.

**PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS:** None.

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

H.R. 1659 contains no intergovernmental mandates as defined in UMRA. The bill would authorize \$3 million to be distributed among nine communities for police training and assistance. The bill also would require states to collect data on deaths occurring in the process of arrest or in state or local correctional facilities, as a condition of receiving certain grants under the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994.

**ESTIMATED IMPACT ON THE PRIVATE SECTOR**

The bill would impose no new private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA.

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