



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
PAY-AS-YOU-GO ESTIMATE**

September 27, 2000

**H.R. 2909
Intercountry Adoption Act of 2000**

As cleared by the Congress on September 20, 2000

Enacting H.R. 2909 could affect the government's receipts from fines and resulting direct spending. CBO estimates, however, that the amounts involved would be less than \$500,000 annually.

H.R. 2909 would establish new federal crimes relating to the provision of international adoption services. As a result, the federal government would be able to pursue cases that it otherwise would not be able to prosecute. Because violators of the provisions of H.R. 2909 could be subject to criminal and civil fines, the federal government might collect additional fines if the legislation is enacted. Collections of criminal fines are recorded in the budget as governmental receipts (revenues), which are deposited in the Crime Victims Fund and spent in subsequent years. Civil fines are recorded as receipts and deposited into the general fund of the Treasury. CBO expects that any additional receipts and direct spending would be less than \$500,000 each year.

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