



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

December 15, 2000

**H.R. 3048  
Presidential Threat Protection Act of 2000**

*As cleared by the Congress on December 6, 2000*

Enacting this legislation could affect direct spending and receipts that result from the collection of criminal penalties, but CBO estimates that any such effects would not be significant.

H.R. 3048 would broaden the current laws against threatening persons protected by the Secret Service to cover certain family members of major candidates for President and Vice President. For cases involving threats against persons protected by the Secret Service, the act would increase the maximum penalties for offenders.

Because those prosecuted and convicted under H.R. 3048 could be subject to criminal fines, the government might collect additional fines if this legislation is enacted. Collections of such fines are recorded in the budget as governmental receipts (i.e., revenues), which are deposited in the Crime Victims Fund and spent in subsequent years. Any additional collections from enacting H.R. 3048 would be negligible because it is not likely that the federal government would pursue many cases under this act. Because any increase in direct spending would equal the fines collected (with a lag of one year or more), the additional direct spending also would be negligible.

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