



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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H.R. 4108
Secure Our Schools Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on May 24, 2000

SUMMARY

H.R. 4108 would authorize the appropriation of \$60 million for each of fiscal years 2001 through 2003 for the Department of Justice to make grants to state and local governments and Indian tribes to improve security at schools. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4108 would cost \$177 million over the 2001-2005 period. This legislation would not affect direct spending or receipts, so pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

H.R. 4108 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and could benefit state, local, and tribal governments that receive the grants established by the bill. Any costs incurred by these governments to provide matching funds would be voluntary.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the amounts authorized in H.R. 4108 will be appropriated by the start of each fiscal year and that outlays will follow historical spending patterns for similar grant programs. The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 4108 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 750 (administration of justice).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
Authorization Level	60	60	60	0	0
Estimated Outlays	13	36	57	47	24

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

ESTIMATED IMPACT ON STATE, LOCAL, AND TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS

H.R. 4108 contains no intergovernmental mandates as defined in UMRA. The bill would establish a matching grant program for state, local, and tribal governments to provide improved security at schools and on school grounds. The grant funds could be used for specific security activities and equipment, with preferential consideration given to the neediest schools. The bill would require that a recipient provide at least 50 percent matching funds, unless the Attorney General waives or alters the requirement based on the recipient's financial need. The bill also would require the grants to be distributed in an geographically equitable manner. Any costs incurred by state, local, and tribal governments to provide matching funds would be voluntary.

ESTIMATED IMPACT ON THE PRIVATE-SECTOR

H.R. 4108 would impose no new private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA.

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