



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 4519
Baylee's Law

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
on June 21, 2000*

H.R. 4519 would amend the Public Buildings Act of 1959 to require the General Services Administration (GSA) to provide certain information regarding the safety and security of childcare facilities operated in buildings under its administrative control. CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost GSA a negligible amount each year. Because the bill would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. H.R. 4519 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

H.R. 4519 would require GSA to provide a list of a building's tenants and its designated level of security to any parent or guardian who is considering enrolling a child in a childcare facility that is operated in a GSA building. In addition, the bill would direct GSA to notify parents or guardians of any new federal tenants and of any serious threat that it determines may exist to the safety and security of the children. Finally, H.R. 4519 would require the agency to identify and describe each childcare facility that is located in one of its buildings, assess the facility's level of safety and security, and recommend methods for enhancing such safety and security. GSA would have one year from enactment to submit that report to the Congress.

GSA buildings contain 113 childcare facilities with an aggregate enrollment of more than 7,000 children. According to the agency, it already regularly assesses the safety and security of each of its childcare facilities, and notifies each parent or guardian of any safety and security threat. Thus, because it would largely codify existing administrative policy, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4519 would cost a negligible amount each year. Any increase in costs would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

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