



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

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S. 468

Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999

As cleared by the Congress on November 4, 1999

S. 468 would require federal agencies to simplify the procedures for state and local governments and nonprofit organizations to apply for and report on federal grant and assistance programs. Within three years of enactment, agencies would be required to develop a plan to implement the legislation's seven objectives, which the agencies would report on in subsequent years. S. 468 also would require the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to report to the Congress on the agencies' plans and the General Accounting Office to evaluate and report to OMB and the Congress on the bill's effectiveness. The legislation's provisions would expire eight years after enactment.

Because S. 468 could affect direct spending by agencies not funded through annual appropriations, such as the Tennessee Valley Authority, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply. CBO estimates that any such effects would not be significant.

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