



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 3925 **Digital Tech Corps Act of 2002**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Government Reform
on March 14, 2002*

H.R. 3925 would establish an exchange program between the federal government and the private sector to promote information technology management. The bill would allow the exchange of employees for up to two years between the public and private sectors to share information management talent and expertise. Private-sector employers could be reimbursed for all or part of the cost of their employees' assignment with the federal government. Alternatively, H.R. 3925 would allow for federal agencies to accept voluntary employment services.

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 3925 would not result in significant federal costs. A recent report by the General Accounting Office indicates that the demand for qualified information technology workers will exceed the supply, hence it is unlikely that private-sector employers will be willing to part with many such employees for extended periods. Any exchange of employees that involved reimbursement to the private sector would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds for salary, training, and educational expenses.

H.R. 3925 would not affect direct spending or receipts, so pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. The District of Columbia could benefit from provisions of the bill that would authorize employees in the Office of the Chief Technology Officer to be assigned to a private-sector organization or an employee of such organization to be assigned to the Office.

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