



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 2513

DNA Sexual Assault Justice Act of 2002

As reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on July 18, 2002

SUMMARY

S. 2513 would authorize the appropriation of \$546 million over the 2003-2007 period, mostly to increase funding for grants to states to improve forensic analysis of crime scenes and collect DNA samples from offenders. The bill also would increase penalties for the unauthorized use of DNA samples.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 2513 would cost \$425 million over the 2003-2007 period. This legislation would affect direct spending and receipts, so pay-as-you-go procedures would apply, but CBO estimates that any such effects would not be significant.

S. 2513 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA). The bill would benefit state, local, and tribal governments; any costs incurred to receive or administer grants would be voluntary.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 2513 is shown in the following table. For the purposes of this estimate, CBO assumes that the authorized amounts will be appropriated by the start of each fiscal year and that spending will follow the historical spending rates for those activities. The cost of this legislation falls within budget function 750 (administration of justice).

In addition, enacting S. 2513 could increase collections of criminal fines for unauthorized use of DNA samples. CBO estimates that any additional collections would not be significant. Criminal fines are recorded as receipts and deposited in the Crime Victims Fund, then later spent.

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007

SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION

Spending Under Current Law for the Programs Funded by S. 2513						
Authorization Level ^a	45	40	25	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	12	28	38	24	9	0
Proposed Changes						
Authorization Level	0	101	105	130	130	80
Estimated Outlays	0	28	59	100	119	118
Spending Under S. 2513						
Authorization Level ^a	45	141	130	130	130	80
Estimated Outlays	12	56	97	124	128	118

a. The 2002 level is the total amount appropriated for that year for the programs authorized by S.2513. The 2003 and 2004 levels are the total amounts authorized in current law for those programs.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS

The Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act specifies pay-as-you-go procedures for legislation affecting direct spending and receipts. These procedures would apply to S. 2513 because it would affect both direct spending and receipts, but CBO estimates that the annual amount of such changes would not be significant.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 2513 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA. The bill would benefit state, local, and tribal governments by creating new grant programs and by reauthorizing and expanding existing grants under the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000. Any costs incurred to receive or administer grants under these programs would be voluntary.

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