



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

April 23, 2002

S. 924

Providing Reliable Officers, Technology, Education, Community Prosecutors, and Training In Our Neighborhoods Act of 2002

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on April 11, 2002

SUMMARY

S. 924 would authorize the appropriation of \$6.9 billion over the 2003-2008 period for the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program, which makes grants to state and local governments to hire police officers, improve law enforcement technology, and support similar activities. In addition, the bill would expand the permitted uses for these grants.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 924 would cost \$3.6 billion over the 2003-2007 period (an additional \$3.3 billion would be spent after 2007). This legislation would not affect direct spending or receipts, so pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

S. 924 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 by extending the COPS program and increasing the authorized funding. Any costs incurred to receive or administer grants under this program would be voluntary.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 924 is shown in the following table. For this estimate, CBO assumes that the authorized amounts will be appropriated by the start of each fiscal year and that the spending would follow the historical spending rates for these activities. The cost of this legislation falls within budget function 750 (administration of justice).

By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
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SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION

Spending Under Current Law for COPS						
Budget Authority ^a	1,050	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	1,243	1,061	824	568	50	0
Proposed Changes						
Authorization Level	0	1,150	1,150	1,150	1,150	1,150
Estimated Outlays	0	138	460	748	1,150	1,150
Spending Under S. 924						
Authorization Level ^a	1,050	1,150	1,150	1,150	1,150	1,150
Estimated Outlays	1,243	1,199	1,284	1,316	1,200	1,150

a. The 2002 level is the amount appropriated for that year for the COPS program.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

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