

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

October 24, 2003

H.R. 1416 Homeland Security Technical Corrections Act of 2003

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs on October 22, 2003

H.R. 1416 would make technical and clerical amendments to the Homeland Security Act of 2002 and conforming amendments to immigration laws. The legislation also would direct that any reports or notifications required to be submitted to the Congress under that act also be submitted to the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs and the House Select Committee on Homeland Security. Finally, H.R. 1416 would clarify that nothing in the Homeland Security Act would confer any military authority on the Secretary of Homeland Security or limit the authority of the Secretary of Defense.

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1416 would have no significant effect on the federal budget because it would not authorize any new activities for the Department of Homeland Security. Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 1416 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.

On April 2, 2003, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 1416 as ordered reported by the House Select Committee on Homeland Security. The two versions of the legislation are similar, and our cost estimates are identical.

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