



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 1176
Nonprofit Athletic Organization Protection Act of 2006**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on March 2, 2006

H.R. 1176 would provide immunity to nonprofit athletic organizations such as Little League and school sports programs from liability in certain civil suits alleging harm from an act or omission of such an organization in the adoption of rules for athletic competitions or practices.

CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would result in no significant costs to the federal government. Enacting H.R. 1176 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 1176 contains an intergovernmental mandate as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA), but CBO estimates that the resulting costs, if any, would not be significant and would be well below the threshold for intergovernmental mandates established in that act (\$64 million in 2006, adjusted annually for inflation). This bill contains no new private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA.

H.R. 1176 contains an intergovernmental mandate because it would preempt certain state liability laws. Specifically, the bill would exempt nonprofit athletic organizations from liability under state tort laws for certain injuries that may occur during practice or competitions. CBO estimates that the costs, if any, would not be significant and would be well below the threshold established in UMRA.

The CBO staff contacts for this estimate are Gregory Waring (for federal costs) and Melissa Merrell (for the state and local impact). This estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.