



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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H.R. 4416

A bill to reauthorize permanently the use of penalty and franked mail in efforts relating to the location and recovery of missing children

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Government Reform on June 8, 2006

Public Law 99-87 authorized federal agencies and Members of Congress to include notices about missing children on franked mail and penalty mail (mail that does not require prepayment of postage). H.R. 4416 would permanently extend this authority, which terminated in 1988 but has been used since then. Because the bill would codify current practice and would not affect the amount of franked mail or penalty mail, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4416 would have no significant impact on federal spending. This legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 4416 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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