



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**S. 1231
National Fund for Excellence in American Indian Education
Amendments Act of 2005**

As ordered reported by Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on June 29, 2005

SUMMARY

S. 1231 would amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to authorize funding and modify provisions for the National Fund for Excellence in American Indian Education (National Fund). The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$5 million for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2009 for National Fund operations. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

The Congress originally authorized the National Fund in 2001 to advance and promote educational opportunities for American Indian students enrolled in Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) schools. Current funding comes from personal property gifts and private donations.

S. 1231 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined by the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 1231 is shown in the following table. CBO estimates that implementing this bill would cost \$15 million over the 2007-2010 period. This estimate assumes that S. 1231 will be enacted near the start of fiscal year 2006 and that the authorized amounts will be appropriated for fiscal year 2007 and each subsequent fiscal year. The estimated outlays reflect historical spending patterns for the other programs in BIA. These costs would fall within budget function 500 (education, employment, training, and social services).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
Authorization Level	0	5	5	5	0
Estimated Outlays	0	4	5	5	2

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 1231 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined by UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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