



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 1211

Saving Kids from Dangerous Drugs Act of 2008

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on June 26, 2008

S. 1211 would amend the Controlled Substances Act to lengthen prison terms for convicted offenders who manufacture, create, or possess with intent to distribute certain controlled substances to persons under the age of 21. Such substances include those combined with a candy product or marketed to appear similar to a candy product. (Currently, longer prison sentences are generally imposed only when a person is convicted of distributing such substances.)

Based on information provided by the Drug Enforcement Agency and the Bureau of Prisons, CBO estimates that the longer prison terms required under S. 1211 would apply to a relatively small number of offenders. CBO estimates, therefore, that any increase in discretionary costs to operate prisons would be insignificant. Enacting S. 1211 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 1211 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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