



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 2942
A bill to authorize funding for the National Advocacy Center
As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on May 15, 2008

SUMMARY

S. 2942 would authorize the appropriation of \$6.5 million a year over the 2009-2012 period to conduct a national training program for state and local prosecutors at the National Advocacy Center (NAC). CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would cost \$26 million over the 2009-2013 period. Enacting S. 2942 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 2942 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 750 (administration of justice). The estimated budgetary impact of S. 2942 is shown in the following table.

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2009-2013
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Authorization Level	7	7	7	7	0	26
Estimated Outlays	6	7	7	7	1	26

Note: Amounts do not sum to totals because of rounding.

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the legislation will be enacted near the start of 2009 and that the authorized amounts will be appropriated each year. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns for similar programs.

S. 2942 would authorize the appropriation of \$6.5 million a year over the 2009-2012 period to conduct a national training program at the NAC to improve the skills of state and local prosecutors. Under the bill, the program also would train federal, state, and local prosecutors to better collaborate on particular cases and issues. Currently, the NAC is operated by the Department of Justice and the National District Attorneys Association and provides training in advocacy skills and management of legal operations for federal, state, and local prosecutors and litigators. CBO estimates that implementing S. 2942 would cost \$26 million over the 2009-2013 period.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 2942 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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