



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**S. 258**

**Saving Kids from Dangerous Drugs Act of 2010**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on June 17, 2010*

S. 258 would amend the Controlled Substances Act to lengthen prison terms for convicted offenders who manufacture or create with intent to distribute certain controlled substances to persons under the age of 18. Such substances include those combined with candy or marketed to look like candy. (Currently, the longer prison sentences are imposed only on those who are convicted of distributing such substances.)

Based on information provided by the Drug Enforcement Agency and the Bureau of Prisons, CBO expects that the longer prison terms that would be imposed under S. 258 would affect a relatively small number of offenders. We estimate, therefore, that any resulting increase in discretionary costs to operate prisons would be insignificant.

Enacting S. 258 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply to the legislation.

S. 258 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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