



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**S. 2960
Refugee Opportunity Act**

As reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on March 26, 2010

Current law permits certain refugees and asylees to apply for permanent U.S. residence if they have lived in the United States for one year. S. 2960 would waive this residential requirement for persons who do not meet it because they have been employed outside the United States by the federal government or by a federal contractor.

Enacting this legislation could affect direct spending of immigration fees by the Departments of State and Homeland Security and the cost of certain federal assistance programs. Because the bill could affect direct spending, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply. The bill would affect few people, however, and CBO estimates that enacting S. 2960 would have no significant budgetary impact. Enacting the bill would not affect revenues.

S. 2960 contains no intergovernmental 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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