



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 1933
**A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to modify
the requirements for admission of nonimmigrant nurses
in health professional shortage areas**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary
on June 23, 2011*

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1933 would result in no significant cost to the federal government. Enacting the bill could affect direct spending; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures apply. However, CBO estimates that any such effects would be insignificant for each year. H.R. 1933 would not affect revenues.

H.R. 1933 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.

Current law permits foreign nurses to work temporarily in the United States in areas where there are shortages of qualified applicants. No more than 500 of those individuals may be admitted in each year, and they may remain in the United States for three years. H.R. 1933 would limit annual admissions to 300 and would authorize those persons to extend their stay for an additional three years.

The Department of State and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) collect fees to admit those individuals. The DHS fees are classified as offsetting receipts (a credit against direct spending) and the department is authorized to spend such fees without further appropriation. The State Department fees are retained and spent by the department. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 1933 would have no significant effect on the collection and spending of such fees.

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