



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 4305
Child and Elderly Missing Alert Program**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on August 1, 2012

SUMMARY

H.R. 4305 would authorize the Department of Justice (DOJ) to make grants to nonprofit organizations to establish an alert system to assist law enforcement agencies in recovering missing children, elderly, and disabled individuals. Grants could also be used by recipients to improve the technology of the alert system, provide training for users of the system, and for other purposes.

Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4305 would cost \$19 million over the 2013-2017 period. Pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply to this legislation because it would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 4305 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 4305 is shown in the following table. CBO assumes that the estimated amounts will be appropriated near the start of each fiscal year and that outlays will follow the historical rate of spending for similar activities. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 750 (administration of justice).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2013- 2017
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Estimated Authorization Level	4	4	4	4	4	20
Estimated Outlays	3	4	4	4	4	19

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

H.R. 4305 would authorize DOJ to make grants to nonprofit organizations to establish a rapid telephone and cellular alert system to assist federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies in recovering missing children, elderly, and disabled individuals. Grants could also be used by recipients to improve the technology of the alert system, provide training for users of the system, and assist law enforcement agencies in combating human trafficking and providing education and prevention programs.

Based on information from a nonprofit organization (A Child Is Missing) that provides alerts, training, and other services relating to missing individuals, CBO estimates that the grants authorized by H.R. 4305 would require funding of about \$4 million annually.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 4305 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

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