



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

March 14, 2011

**H.R. 471**  
**Scholarships for Opportunity and Results Act**  
*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform  
on March 10, 2011*

H.R. 471 would authorize the appropriation of \$20 million for each of fiscal years 2012 through 2016 for the District of Columbia Opportunity Scholarship Program, which provides scholarships for private-school tuition to parents of students who reside in the District of Columbia and meet certain criteria. In addition, it would authorize the appropriation of \$40 million for each of fiscal years 2012 through 2016 to improve Washington, D.C., public schools and to improve and expand public charter schools, provided that the mayor of the District of Columbia agrees to certain requirements.

Based on historical spending patterns for similar programs, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$300 million over the 2012-2016 period, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, as shown in the following table. Enacting the bill would have no impact on direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 500 (education, training, employment, and social services).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2012- 2016
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
<b>CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>						
Authorization Level	60	60	60	60	60	300
Estimated Outlays	60	60	60	60	60	300

H.R. 471 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. Any costs incurred by the District of Columbia would be incurred voluntarily and would result from complying with conditions of assistance.

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