



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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H.R. 5843

A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to permit use of certain grant funds for training conducted in conjunction with a national laboratory or research facility

As introduced in the House of Representatives on May 18, 2012

H.R. 5843 would permit recipients of certain Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grants to use funding for training and exercises conducted in conjunction with a national laboratory or research facility. CBO estimates that enacting this legislation would not affect the federal budget; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

Funding provided through FEMA's Urban Area Security Initiative and State Homeland Security Grant Program may be used by state, local, and tribal governments to prevent, prepare for, protect against, and respond to acts of terrorism. About \$784 million in grants have been made available for 2012 (see Public Law 112-74). Under current law, funds may be used for designing, conducting and evaluating training and exercises. The legislation would allow for spending on similar activities performed in conjunction with a national laboratory or research facility. CBO does not expect the amount or rate of expenditures for either program to change as a result of this legislation.

H.R. 5843 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.

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