



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

July 25, 2012

H.R. 6062 **Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program** **Reauthorization Act of 2012**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on July 18, 2012

SUMMARY

H.R. 6062 would authorize the appropriation of \$800 million annually over the 2013-2017 period for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program in the Department of Justice. (In 2012, the Congress appropriated \$470 million for such grants, which support criminal justice systems at the state, local, and tribal level.)

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 6062 would cost about \$2.7 billion over the 2013-2017 period and \$1.3 billion in subsequent years. Pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply to this legislation because it would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 6062 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA).

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 6062 is shown in the following table. CBO assumes that the authorized amounts will be appropriated near the start of each fiscal year and that outlays will follow the historical rate of spending for these 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 | | | | | | |
| Authorization Level | 800 | 800 | 800 | 800 | 800 | 4,000 |
| Estimated Outlays | 176 | 416 | 576 | 696 | 800 | 2,664 |

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 6062 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, state, local, and tribal governments would receive \$4 billion for law enforcement programs. Any costs to those governments would be incurred voluntarily as a condition of receiving federal assistance.

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