



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 6185 **Local Courthouse Safety Act of 2012**

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

H.R. 6185 would amend federal law with the goal of strengthening the security of state and local courthouse facilities. Specifically, the bill would authorize the Department of Justice (DOJ) to provide training programs for law enforcement and courthouse security personnel of state, local, and tribal governments on handling encounters with violent criminals. In addition, H.R. 6185 would permit DOJ grants to be used to purchase magnetometers for use in state and local courthouses and would authorize the General Services Administration (GSA) to give surplus security equipment directly to state and local courts.

Based on information from DOJ and GSA about current programs relating to courthouse safety, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 6185 would have no significant impact on the federal government because the department already offers similar training and security programs. Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 6185 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

On June 4, 2012, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 2076, the Local Courthouse Safety Act of 2012, as ordered reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on May 24, 2012. The two bills are similar, and the CBO cost estimates are the same.

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