



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 1268

Interagency Personnel Rotation Act of 2011

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Homeland Security
and Governmental Affairs on October 19, 2011*

S. 1268 would establish a Committee on National Security Personnel within the Executive Office of the President to improve the integration of national security and homeland security personnel. The committee would identify areas of interest for interagency cooperation among agencies responsible for national security and homeland security. CBO estimates that implementing S. 1268 would cost less than \$1 million annually over the 2012-2016 period, assuming the availability of appropriated funds. Those costs would be incurred to implement new regulations, provide additional staff training, and to cover additional administrative expenses. CBO estimates that enacting the legislation would affect direct spending; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply. Enacting the bill would not affect revenues.

S. 1268 contains two provisions that would have an insignificant effect on direct spending. The bill would rescind certain funds previously appropriated to the Department of Defense. In addition, S. 1268 would make it possible for a small number of Foreign Service officers to retire one year later than they would have otherwise. Postponing retirement would initially reduce retirement costs. However, that initial reduction would be largely offset in later years by a small increase in retirement benefits because the affected Foreign Service officers would have an additional year of service. CBO estimates that both of those provisions would have an insignificant net effect on direct spending over the next 10 years.

S. 1268 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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