



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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S. 414
International Protecting Girls by Preventing
Child Marriage Act of 2011

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations
on February 14, 2012*

SUMMARY

S. 414 would authorize the President to provide assistance to developing countries to reduce the incidence of child marriage and would require him to develop and implement a multiyear strategy to prevent such marriages and promote the empowerment of girls. CBO estimates that implementing the bill would have a discretionary cost of \$23 million over the 2013-2017 period, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts.

Pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply to this legislation because it would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 414 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 414 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 150 (international affairs).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2013-2017
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	
Estimated Authorization Level	8	8	8	8	8	40
Estimated Outlays	*	3	6	7	7	23

Note: * = less than \$500,000.

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 414 will be enacted by the end of 2012, that the necessary amounts will be appropriated each year, and that outlays will follow historical spending patterns for existing programs.

Based on information from the U.S. Agency for International Development about similar programs to prevent child marriage and gender-based violence, CBO estimates that the agency would require annual appropriations of about \$7 million a year for assistance to foreign countries to reduce the incidence of child marriage. In addition, the agency would require annual appropriations of about \$600,000 a year to hire three people to design and administer the programs, develop the strategy, and report to the Congress. Assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$23 million over the 2013-2017 period. (The remainder of the estimated authorization amounts would be spent after 2017.)

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 414 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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