



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 3136
Advancing Competency-Based Education
Demonstration Project Act of 2014

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Education and the Workforce
on July 10, 2014*

H.R. 3136 would reserve \$1 million from funding for the Department of Education to authorize the Secretary to select up to 20 eligible entities to participate in demonstration projects related to competency-based education. Competency-based education focuses on measuring student achievement through an assessment of a student's knowledge and skills rather than by the completion of clock or credit hours.

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 3136 would require \$1 million for administrative costs for the department over the 2015-2019 period, assuming the availability of appropriated funds.

Additionally, CBO projects that enacting the bill could affect direct spending for student loans and Pell grants; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures apply. However, CBO estimates that any direct spending effects would be insignificant for each year and over the 2015-2024 period. Enacting the bill would have no effect on revenues.

H.R. 3136 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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