



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

September 26, 2016

**H.R. 1877**  
**Mental Health First Aid Act of 2016**  
*As passed by the House of Representatives on September 26, 2016*

**SUMMARY**

H.R. 1877 would reauthorize and amend programs that provide grants for training on mental illness awareness to teachers, emergency personnel, law enforcement and other individuals. Assuming appropriation of the specified amounts, CBO estimates implementing the bill would cost \$62 million over the 2017-2021 period.

Pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply because enacting H.R. 1877 would not affect direct spending or revenues. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 1877 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2027.

H.R. 1877 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 effect of H.R. 1877 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 550 (health).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2017-2021
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
<b>INCREASES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>						
Authorization Level	15	15	15	15	15	75
Estimated Outlays	5	13	14	15	15	62

## **BASIS OF ESTIMATE**

H.R. 1877 would authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants to eligible entities to train teachers, emergency personnel, law enforcement, and other individuals to recognize signs and symptoms of mental illness, to identify resources available for individuals with a mental illness, and to safely de-escalate a crisis situation involving individuals with mental illness. The bill would authorize about \$15 million per year for fiscal years 2017-2021 for such grants. Based on historical spending patterns for similar activities, CBO estimates implementing H.R. 1877 would cost \$62 million over the 2017-2021 period, assuming appropriation of the specified amounts.

**PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS:** None.

## **INCREASE IN LONG-TERM DIRECT SPENDING AND DEFICITS**

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 1877 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2027.

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

H.R. 1877 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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