



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE

July 5, 2016

**H.R. 3178**  
**Strengthening Transparency in Higher Education Act**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Education and the Workforce  
on June 22, 2016*

H.R. 3178 would reserve \$1 million from funding for the Department of Education to replace the current College Navigator website with a new website and would change the type of information that the website would need to provide. The bill also would amend the requirements for the department's net-price calculator, which provides details on the costs of post-secondary education.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 3178 would cost \$1 million for administrative costs over the 2017-2021 period; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 3178 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2027.

H.R. 3178 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.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Justin Humphrey. The estimate was approved by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.