



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 4401
ALERT Act of 2016**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Homeland Security
on February 2, 2016*

H.R. 4401 would require the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), within 150 days of the bill's enactment, to submit to the Congress an assessment of DHS efforts to combat violent extremism at state, local, tribal, and territorial levels. The bill also would direct DHS, within 30 days of enactment, to report to the Congress on the number of employees of state, local, tribal, and territorial governments with security clearances sponsored by the department.

Based on information from DHS, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4401 would cost less than \$500,000; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds. Because enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 4401 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2027.

H.R. 4401 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act. State, local, and tribal governments could benefit from training authorized in the bill; any costs to those governments would be incurred voluntarily.

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