



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 4969 **John Thomas Decker Act of 2016**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce
on April 27, 2016*

H.R. 4969 would direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to develop and disseminate educational materials to teens and adolescents who play youth sports and may be prescribed opioids following a sports injury. These materials would include information regarding the dangers of opioid use and misuse, the different treatment options for sport injuries, and how to obtain treatment for opioid addiction. In addition, the bill would require the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to produce a report on the availability of this information. CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4969 would cost \$2 million over the 2017-2021 period, assuming the availability of appropriated funds.

Under current law, HHS develops and disseminates educational materials regarding opioid addiction. The bill would require the agency to build upon current activities by developing materials with a focus on youth sports. Based on historical spending for similar activities, CBO estimates that implementing this provision would cost \$2 million over the 2017-2021 period, primarily for additional staff and other administrative costs.

Because direct spending or revenues would not be affected, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 4969 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2027.

H.R. 4969 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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