



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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### **H.R. 5046** **Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Reduction Act of 2016**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on April 27, 2016*

#### **SUMMARY**

H.R. 5046 would authorize the appropriation of \$103 million annually over the 2017-2021 period for the Department of Justice (DOJ) to make grants to state, local, and tribal governments for programs to combat opioid abuse. The bill also would eliminate the current authorization of appropriations of \$20 million annually over the 2017-2021 period for DOJ to make grants to state and local governments for law enforcement emergencies. That grant program last received an appropriation in 2013 of about \$4 million. Assuming appropriation actions consistent with the bill, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 5046 would have a net discretionary cost of \$248 million over the 2017-2021 period, and \$167 million after 2021.

Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues, so pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 5046 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2027.

H.R. 5046 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA).

#### **ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 5046 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 750 (administration of justice). CBO assumes that the bill will be enacted near the end of 2016 and that outlays will follow the historical rate of spending for similar activities.

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2017- 2021
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
<b>CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>						
Opioid Abuse Grants						
Authorization Level	103	103	103	103	103	515
Estimated Outlays	23	54	74	90	103	344
Eliminate Authorization of Emergency Law Enforcement Assistance <sup>a</sup>						
Authorization Level	-20	-20	-20	-20	-20	-100
Estimated Outlays	-16	-20	-20	-20	-20	-96
Total Changes						
Authorization Level	83	83	83	83	83	415
Estimated Outlays	7	34	54	70	83	248

a. The Emergency Law Enforcement Assistance program is currently authorized at \$20 million annually. The program last received on appropriation in 2013 of about \$4 million.

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

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

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 5046 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2027.

### **ESTIMATED IMPACT ON STATE, LOCAL, AND TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS**

H.R. 5046 contains no intergovernmental mandates as defined in UMRA. State, local, and tribal governments would benefit from grants authorized in the bill to address epidemics of opioid abuse and addiction. Any costs to the state or local governments would result from complying with conditions of assistance.

### **ESTIMATED IMPACT ON THE PRIVATE SECTOR**

H.R. 5046 contains no private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA.

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