



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 5147 BABIES Act

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
on September 14, 2016*

H.R. 5147 would require that any buildings controlled by the General Services Administration's (GSA) Public Building Service (PBS) that are accessible to the general public and are undergoing a congressionally approved alteration be equipped with baby changing facilities.

GSA standards currently require the installation of one family bathroom with a baby changing station for each floor of a federal building. That requirement applies to all new construction and to existing buildings where major repairs or alterations to restrooms are being undertaken. Based on information from PBS, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 5147 would cost less \$500,000 annually; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds. We estimate that amount would cover installation costs for up to 10 facilities per year in PBS buildings undergoing congressionally approved alterations that would not otherwise be covered by the GSA standards.

Enacting H.R. 5147 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 5147 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2027.

H.R. 5147 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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