



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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S. 1000
SCORE for Small Business Act of 2015

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship
on April 23, 2015*

SUMMARY

S. 1000 would authorize the appropriation of \$10.5 million for each of fiscal years 2016, 2017, and 2018 to carry out the SCORE program, which supports volunteers who provide counseling and advice to individuals who own or wish to own a small business. Under current law, the program is known as the Service Corps of Retired Executives; S. 1000 would change the name to the SCORE program.

CBO estimates that implementing S. 1000 would cost \$32 million over the 2016-2020 period, assuming appropriation of the specified amounts. Pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply to this legislation because it would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 1000 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary effect of S. 1000 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 370 (commerce and housing credit).

| | By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars | | | | | 2016-2020 |
|---|--|------|------|------|------|-----------|
| | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | |
| CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION | | | | | | |
| Authorization Level | 11 | 11 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 32 |
| Estimated Outlays | 6 | 9 | 11 | 5 | 1 | 32 |

Note: Components may not sum to totals because of rounding.

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes the bill will be enacted near the end of fiscal year 2015, that the specified amounts will be appropriated each year, and that spending will follow historical patterns for the affected activities.

S. 1000 would authorize the appropriation of \$10.5 million for each of fiscal years 2016, 2017, and 2018 to carry out the SCORE program, which supports volunteers to provide advice and counseling to individuals who own or desire to start a small business. The bill would direct the Small Business Administration (SBA) to ensure that each SCORE chapter develops a plan to provide services to disadvantaged and underserved areas and to develop new skills for SCORE volunteers. Based on information from the SBA, CBO estimates that implementing S. 1000 would cost \$32 million over the 2016-2020 period, assuming appropriation of the specified amounts.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 1000 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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