



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**S. 1419
Native Language Immersion Student Achievement Act**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs
on October 21, 2015*

SUMMARY

S. 1419 would amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to authorize the Department of Education to award grants to organizations that develop, maintain, improve, or expand programs that use Native American languages as their primary language of instruction. The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$5 million in fiscal year 2016, and such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 2017 to 2020. Those authorizations would automatically be extended one year, through 2021, under the General Education Provisions Act.

CBO estimates that enacting S. 1419 would cost \$17 million over the 2016-2020 period, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts. Enacting S. 1419 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply to this legislation.

Enacting S. 1419 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four 10-year periods beginning in 2026.

S. 1419 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 effect of S. 1419 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 500 (education, training, employment, and social services).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2016- 2020
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	

CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION

Estimated Authorization Level	5	5	5	5	5	26
Estimated Outlays	*	2	4	5	5	17

Notes: Components may not add to totals because of rounding.

* = less than \$500,000.

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

S. 1419 would authorize the appropriation of \$5 million for fiscal year 2016 and such sums as may be necessary in the following four fiscal years. After adjusting the \$5 million authorized in 2016 for inflation in future years, CBO estimates that the bill would authorize appropriations totaling \$26 million over the 2016-2020 period.

Based on historical spending patterns of similar programs, and assuming appropriation of the estimated amounts, CBO projects that enacting the bill would cost \$17 million over the 2016-2020 period.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INCREASE IN LONG-TERM NET DIRECT SPENDING AND DEFICITS

CBO estimates that enacting S. 1419 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2026.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 1419 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Tribal governments and tribal entities would benefit from grant funds authorized in the bill. The grants could be used to improve and expand programs that use Native American languages as primary languages of instruction in schools.

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