



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**S. 2796  
RESPECT Act**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on September 14, 2016*

S. 2796 would repeal several laws enacted between 1862 and 1913 that stipulated situations in which the federal government could withhold funding from Indian tribes or tribal members. Such situations include, among others, a tribe being in open conflict with the United States, a Native American being under the influence of intoxicating liquors, and a tribe not having school-aged members attend school.

The laws that would be repealed by S. 2796 do not affect the current processes for providing funds to Indian tribes; therefore CBO estimates that implementing S. 2796 would have no effect on the federal budget.

Enacting S. 2796 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply. CBO estimates that enacting the legislation would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2027.

S. 2796 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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