



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**S. 295
Amy and Vicky Child Pornography Victim Restitution
Improvement Act of 2015**

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on February 5, 2015

S. 295 would change the amount of restitution that individuals convicted of federal child pornography offenses must pay victims. Under current law, restitution must be paid to the victim or victims in an amount that is equal to the full amount of their losses. The legislation would expand the definition of what constitutes loss for the purposes of calculating restitution to include losses suffered over the victims' lifetime. The bill also would make all offenders jointly and severally liable for restitution in cases that involve multiple offenders.

CBO estimates that any additional workload to calculate lifetime restitution amounts as a result of enacting the legislation would have no significant effect on discretionary spending by the Judicial Branch because of the small number of cases that would be affected. S. 295 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

S. 295 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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