



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

June 1, 2011

H.R. 1891 **Setting New Priorities in Education Spending Act**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Education and the Workforce
on May 25, 2011*

H.R. 1891 would amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to eliminate more than 40 discretionary grant programs. For 2011, the Department of Education allocated \$413 million in funding from amounts appropriated in the Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011 (P.L. 112-10) to programs that would be eliminated by H.R. 1891. Under current law, however, the funds allocated to those programs may be used for other grant programs that would not be eliminated by the bill.

Because annual appropriations to the Department of Education can be used for other programs, enacting the bill would not have a significant effect on spending from the appropriation provided for 2011. Furthermore, the authorizations for all of the programs specified in the bill have expired, so CBO estimates the bill would have no impact on such authorization levels. However, savings would accrue—as compared to 2011 appropriation levels—if the total amounts provided in 2012 and subsequent years are lower than the current-year funding for the department.

Enacting the bill would have no impact on direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 1891 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

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