



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 3971  
Death in Custody Reporting Act of 2008**

*As reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on September 25, 2008*

H.R. 3971 would authorize the appropriation of \$500,000 in fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Justice to conduct a study on deaths that occur while individuals are in the custody of state, local, or federal law enforcement agencies. Assuming availability of appropriated funds, CBO estimates that implementing the act would cost about \$500,000 over the 2009-2010 period. Enacting H.R. 3971 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 3971 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

On January 14, 2008, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 3971 as ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on November 7, 2007. The two versions of the legislation are similar and the cost estimates are identical.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Mark Grabowicz. This estimate was approved by Theresa Gullo, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.