



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 4203
Combat Online Predators Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on November 2, 2017

H.R. 4203 would add five years to the maximum prison sentence for stalking minors. As a result, new offenders could face longer prison sentences. The bill would require the Department of Justice (DOJ) to report to the Congress on federal, state, tribal, and local efforts to enforce laws related to stalking. Based on its analysis of similar DOJ tasks, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost less than \$500,000 in 2018. CBO expects that any costs to the federal prison system resulting from longer sentences would be incurred after 2022; any such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

Enacting H.R. 4203 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 4203 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2028.

H.R. 4203 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

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