



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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S. 1847

Homeland Security for Children Act

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Homeland Security
and Governmental Affairs on October 4, 2017*

S. 1847 would require the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to identify and integrate children's needs when preparing for, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating against natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other manmade disasters. The bill would authorize FEMA to appoint a technical expert on children's needs to coordinate the integration of the bill's requirements into the agency's plans and policies.

Based on an analysis of information provided by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) about the level of effort required, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would have no significant effect on the federal budget. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting S. 1847 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2028.

S. 1847 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

On April 21, 2017, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 1372, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Homeland Security on March 8, 2017. The two bills are similar, although H.R. 1372 would require DHS to submit an annual report to the Congress, and CBO's estimates of their budgetary effects are the same.

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