



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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S. 2861

Passenger Rail Crew Protection Parity Act

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
on August 1, 2018*

S. 2861 would establish a new federal crime addressing the assault of certain crew members on passenger trains. As a result, the government might be able to pursue cases that it otherwise would not be able to prosecute. CBO expects that the bill would apply to fewer than 10 cases a year, however, so any increase in spending for law enforcement, court proceedings, or prison operations would not be significant. Any such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

Because people prosecuted and convicted under S. 2861 could be subject to criminal fines, the federal government might collect additional amounts under the bill. Criminal fines are recorded as revenues, deposited in the Crime Victims Fund, and later spent without further appropriation. CBO expects that any additional revenues and associated direct spending would not be significant because the bill would probably affect fewer than 10 cases per year.

Pay-as-you-go procedures apply because enacting S. 2861 would affect direct spending and revenues.

CBO estimates that enacting S. 2861 would not significantly increase net direct spending and would not increase on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2029.

S. 2861 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

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