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COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 6018
Trans-Sahara Counterterrorism Partnership Act of 2018

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs
on September 27, 2018*

H.R. 6018 would codify the Trans-Sahara Counterterrorism Partnership (TSCTP), a Department of State-led effort to coordinate all federal support for counterterrorism activities undertaken by foreign military and law enforcement entities in North and West African countries. The bill would require the department to develop and implement a comprehensive, interagency strategy for the TSCTP, which would include a plan to monitor and evaluate its progress. Finally, H.R. 6018 would require the department to provide regular notifications and reports to the Congress on its implementation of the TSCTP.

The TSCTP, which was established in 2005, received roughly \$130 million in appropriations for 2018. On the basis of information from the Administration, CBO estimates that many of the bill's requirements are being met by current efforts and that any incremental reporting requirements would cost less than \$500,000 over the 2019-2023 period; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

Enacting H.R. 6018 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 6018 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2029.

H.R. 6018 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

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