



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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S. 3487
Presidential Transition Enhancement Act of 2018

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Homeland Security
and Governmental Affairs on September 26, 2018*

S. 3487 would limit the period during which services and facilities are provided to Presidential transition teams and would authorize the executive branch to pay legislative employees working for them. S. 3487 also would set a timeline for the General Services Administration (GSA) to enter into agreements with campaigns to prepare for possible transitions.

According to GSA, most of the bill's provisions would not have a significant effect on the cost of a Presidential transition. However, by reducing from 180 days to 60 days after an inauguration the period in which a transition team may use government services and facilities, the bill would reduce costs for staffing and office space. CBO estimates that the decrease in costs would be less than \$500,000 annually over the next five years.

Enacting S. 3487 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting S. 3487 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2029.

S. 3487 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

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