

## H.R. 2480, Stronger Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Education and Labor on May 8, 2019

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2019	2019-2024	2019-2029
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Deficit Effect	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	0	2,055	3,665
Pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No	<b>Mandate Effects</b>	
Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2030?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No

H.R. 2480 would reauthorize and amend the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) and title II of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment and Adoption Reform Act of 1978. The bill would specifically authorize the appropriation of \$580 million in 2020 and whatever amounts are necessary for each year from 2021 through 2025 for programs in those acts. The authorizations for those programs expired at the end of 2015, although the Department of Health and Human Services has continued to allocate funds for those programs. In 2019, that allocation was about \$197 million. The bill would reauthorize and amend:

- CAPTA state grants and child abuse discretionary activities (title I of the bill),
- Community-based child abuse prevention (title II of the bill), and
- Adoption opportunities (title III of the bill).

For this estimate, CBO assumes that H.R. 2480 will be enacted before the beginning of fiscal year 2020 and that the amounts authorized for 2020 will be appropriated. For years 2021 through 2025, CBO estimates the authorization amount by inflating the 2020 amount consistent with CBO's projections of inflation in the baseline. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns for those or similar programs. On that basis, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$2.1 billion over the 2020-2024 period and \$1.6 billion after 2024.

The costs of the legislation, detailed in Table 1, fall within budget function 500 (education, training, employment, and social services).



**Table 1.  
Estimated Increases in Spending Subject to Appropriation**

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars											2019- 2024	2019- 2029
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029		
<b>Title I</b>													
Estimated Authorization	0	270	276	281	287	293	299	0	0	0	0	1,407	1,706
Estimated Outlays	0	28	82	152	221	280	286	260	205	133	59	763	1,706
<b>Title II</b>													
Estimated Authorization	0	270	276	281	287	293	299	0	0	0	0	1,407	1,706
Estimated Outlays	0	81	218	263	276	287	294	208	59	15	5	1,125	1,706
<b>Title III</b>													
Estimated Authorization	0	40	41	42	43	43	44	0	0	0	0	209	253
Estimated Outlays	0	12	32	39	41	43	43	31	9	2	1	167	253
<b>Total Changes</b>													
Estimated Authorization	0	580	593	604	617	629	642	0	0	0	0	3,023	3,665
Estimated Outlays	0	121	332	454	538	610	623	499	273	150	65	2,055	3,665

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