

H.R. 391, White House Ethics Transparency Act of 2019

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Oversight and Reform on June 12, 2019

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2019	2019-2024	2019-2029
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	*	*
Revenues	0	0	0
Deficit Effect	0	*	*
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	0	*	n.e.
Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	Yes	Mandate Effects	
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
n.e. = not estimated; * = between -\$500,000 and \$500,000.			

Executive Order 13770 requires executive branch employees appointed to their positions under the current Administration to agree to an ethics pledge to abide by certain employment standards and post-employment restrictions. The executive order provides that a waiver of those provisions may be granted by the President or his designee. H.R. 391 would require each agency to post a copy of any such waiver on its public website for anyone who has been granted such a waiver under the current Administration, or who is granted such a waiver in the future.

Because the information needed to make such waivers public is already available, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 391 would cost less than \$500,000 annually; any spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds. Enacting the bill could affect direct spending by some agencies that are allowed to use fees, receipts from the sale of goods, and other collections to cover operating costs. CBO estimates that any net changes in direct spending by agencies would be insignificant because most of those agencies can adjust amounts collected to reflect changes in operating costs.

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