

H.R. 728, Title VIII Nursing Workforce Reauthorization of 2019

As reported by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on September 24, 2019

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2020	2020-2024	2020-2029
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	108	970	not estimated
Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No	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

H.R. 728 would amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize and amend several grant programs that support the education and training of nurses. In 2019, \$221 million was appropriated for those programs. The legislation would authorize the following amounts for each year between 2020 and 2024:

- \$78 million for advanced education nursing grants,
- \$18 million for workforce diversity grants,
- \$44 million for nurse education, practice, and quality grants, and
- \$91 million for loan repayment and scholarship programs.

Based on historical spending for similar activities, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would cost \$970 million over the 2020-2024 period, assuming appropriation of authorized amounts. The remaining amounts would be spent after 2024.

The costs of the legislation, detailed in Table 1, fall within budget function 550 (health).

Table 1.
Estimated Increases in Spending Subject to Appropriation Under H.R. 728

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars					2020-2024
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
Authorization	230	230	230	230	230	1,149
Estimated Outlays	108	188	223	225	225	970

Components may not sum to totals because of rounding.

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