

S. 2619, Healthy Start Reauthorization Act of 2019

As reported by the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions on November 5, 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)	25	472	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

S. 2619 would reauthorize the Healthy Start program, a program that provides grants to areas with high annual rates of infant mortality. The legislation would authorize \$122.5 million annually from 2020 through 2024 for that program. In 2019, approximately \$102 million was allocated for these purposes. The bill also would direct the Government Accountability Office to evaluate the Healthy Start program.

Based on historical spending for this program and assuming appropriation of authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the legislation would cost \$472 million over the 2020-2024 period.

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 S. 2619

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars					2020-2024
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
Estimated Authorization	123	123	123	123	123	613
Estimated Outlays	25	92	114	120	120	472

Components may not sum to totals because of rounding.

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