

H.R. 133, United States-Mexico Economic Partnership Act
 As reported by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations on December 17, 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)	*	2	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
* = between zero and \$500,000.			

H.R. 133 would require the Department of State to develop and implement a strategy to increase economic cooperation with Mexico and to expand educational and professional exchange programs with that country. It also would require the department to report to the Congress on that strategy. The requirements of the act would expire at the end of calendar year 2023.

The department provides grants for exchange programs with Mexico, which complement contributions from private-sector entities, educational institutions, and other governments. Those exchange programs provide opportunities for students from the United States, Mexico, and other nations in the Western Hemisphere to train and study abroad in the region.

On the basis of information from the department about how it would expand existing programs in Mexico, CBO estimates that it would make 10 new grants each year of \$25,000 each, in partnership with private institutions and educational institutions in that country. The department would hire two employees (one in Washington, D.C. and one in Mexico) to award and supervise the grants. In total, CBO estimates that implementing the grant program and satisfying the reporting requirement would cost less than \$500,000 each year and total \$2 million over the 2020-2024 period; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

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