

**At a Glance**

**S. 430, Secure Rural Schools Reauthorization Act of 2019**

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on December 12, 2019

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2020	2020-2025	2020-2030
Direct Spending (Outlays)	<b>28</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>68</b>
Revenues	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	<b>28</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>68</b>
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	*	1	not estimated
Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Mandate Effects</b>	
Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2031?	<b>No</b>	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	<b>No</b>
		Contains private-sector mandate?	<b>No</b>

\* = between zero and \$500,000.

**The bill would**

- Authorize an increase in payments under the Secure Rural Schools (SRS) program
- Require the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management to conduct related studies

**Estimated budgetary effects would primarily stem from**

- Increasing payments for the SRS program

**Detailed estimate begins on the next page.**

## Bill Summary

S. 430 would authorize an increase in payments under the Secure Rural Schools (SRS) program in 2020 and 2021. The bill also would require the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to conduct related studies.

## Estimated Federal Cost

The estimated budgetary effect of S. 430 is shown in Table 1. The costs of the legislation fall within budget functions 300 (natural resources and environment) and 800 (general government).

<b>Table 1. Estimated Budgetary Effects of S. 430</b>							
	<b>By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars</b>						
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2020-2025
	<b>Increases in Direct Spending</b>						
Estimated Budget Authority	28	40	0	0	0	0	68
Estimated Outlays	28	40	0	0	0	0	68
	<b>Increases in Spending Subject to Appropriation</b>						
Estimated Authorization	*	1	0	0	0	0	1
Estimated Outlays	*	1	0	0	0	0	1

\* = between zero and \$500,000.

## Basis of Estimate

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the legislation will be enacted near the end of fiscal year 2020 with sufficient time to make the additional payments required under the bill in fiscal years 2020 and 2021. Estimated outlays are based on historical spending patterns for the affected and similar activities.

## Background

Under the SRS program, the federal government makes payments to counties containing National Forest System land and to some counties containing land that is managed by BLM. The program is authorized through 2020, and payments are not subject to annual appropriations; payments authorized for a particular year are made in the next year. Under current law, those payments equal 95 percent of the amount provided in the year before. In 2020, the federal government made about \$254 million in such payments. Because payments are already authorized for 2020, CBO estimates that amounts paid in 2021 will total about \$242 million.



**Increase in Long-Term Deficits:** None.

**Mandates:** None.

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