

H.R. 1494, Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) Homeland Security Partnerships Act

As passed by the House of Representatives on February 10, 2020

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2021	2021-2025	2021-2030
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	1	6	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 2031?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No

H.R. 1494 would require the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to expand partnerships with Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), issue a strategy to enhance those partnerships, and require various components of DHS to develop action plans to implement that strategy. Additionally, the act would require DHS to facilitate research partnerships with and distribute grants to HBCUs from its Science and Technology Directorate and to list agency recruitment opportunities available to students at HBCUs. The DHS Chief Procurement Officer would be directed to identify and disseminate information about opportunities for HBCUs to participate in department acquisitions and in the Small Business Association contracting program for minorities. Finally, the act would require DHS to report to the Congress annually on those activities.

Using information from DHS, CBO estimates that establishing the strategy and action plan would require one full-time employee at a cost of approximately \$200,000 and that the effort to facilitate research partnerships would require three employees and \$250,000 in contract costs per year, for a total cost of \$5 million over the 2021-2025 period. Based on the cost of similar activities, CBO estimates that the other requirements in the act would have insignificant costs that together would total about \$1 million over the 2021-2025 period. All spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

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