

**H.R. 4250, War Crimes Rewards Expansion Act**

As reported by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations on June 14, 2022

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2022	2022-2027	2022-2032
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	0	1	not estimated
Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No	<b>Mandate Effects</b>	
Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2033?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No

The Department of State uses appropriated funds to offer cash awards of up to \$5 million through its War Crimes Rewards Program for information leading to the arrest or conviction of designated individuals accused by international tribunals of committing war crimes, genocide, or crimes against humanity. H.R. 4250 would authorize the department to also offer awards for information leading to the prosecution of such crimes under the laws and statutes of the United States and other nations.

To the extent that the act would allow the department to offer and pay more rewards, implementing it would increase spending subject to appropriation; however, it is uncertain whether and when the department would do so. On the basis of information about similar reward programs, CBO estimates that under H.R. 4250 the department would pay less than \$500,000, on average, in additional awards in any given year and a total of \$1 million over the 2022-2027 period. That spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

On August 24, 2021, CBO transmitted a [cost estimate for H.R. 4250](https://www.cbo.gov/publication/54437), the War Crimes Rewards Expansion Act, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on July 29, 2021. The two versions of the act are similar, and CBO's estimates of their budgetary effects are the same.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Sunita D'Monte. The estimate was reviewed by Leo Lex, Deputy Director of Budget Analysis.