

S. 4305, DHS Better Ballistic Body Armor Act

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on May 15, 2024

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2024	2024-2029	2024-2034
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	18	not estimated
Increases <i>net direct spending</i> in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2035?	No	Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply? No	
Increases <i>on-budget deficits</i> in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2035?	No	Mandate Effects	
		Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No

S. 4305 would require the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to procure body armor for female body shapes that meet certain criteria, including the standards issued by the National Institute for Justice and the American Society for Testing and Materials. Specifically, the bill would require that DHS equip all female agents with armor that meets those specifications within three years of enactment. Lastly, S. 4305 would require DHS to report annually to the Congress on the number of body armor units it purchases for each of the three years after enactment.

Using information from DHS, CBO expects that to comply with those requirements, the department would need to purchase an additional 3,200 units of body armor annually over the next three years at a cost of about \$1,800 per unit. On that basis, and accounting for anticipated inflation, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$6 million annually for three years to purchase the necessary equipment and comply with the bill's reporting requirements. In total, CBO estimates that implementing S. 4305 would cost \$18 million over the 2024-2029 period. Any related spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

See also

[CBO's Cost Estimates Explained](#), [CBO Describes Its Cost-Estimating Process](#), [Glossary](#)



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