

H.R. 4403, Securing the Cities Improvement Act

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on September 18, 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	*	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
		Mandate Effects	
Increases <i>on-budget deficits</i> in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2035?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No
* = between zero and \$500,000.			

H.R. 4403 would require the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to establish performance metrics and milestones for the Securing the Cities (STC) program. STC provides funding to reduce the risk of radiological or nuclear attacks against major metropolitan areas in the United States by providing detection equipment, training, and operational support to local governments. H.R. 4403 also would require DHS, within two years of enactment, to submit a report to the Congress evaluating the performance of the program. In 2024, DHS allocated \$35 million to the program.

According to information from DHS, the department already has developed performance metrics and milestones for the STC program. Based on the costs of similar activities, CBO estimates that evaluating and reporting on the program would cost less than \$500,000 over the 2024-2029 period. Any related spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

On November 21, 2023, CBO transmitted a [cost estimate for H.R. 4403](#), the Securing the Cities Improvement Act, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Homeland Security on November 8, 2023. The two pieces of legislation are similar, and CBO's estimates of their budgetary effects are the same.

See also

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



The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Jeremy Crimm. The estimate was reviewed by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Director of Budget Analysis.

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