

H.R. 7177, a bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to consolidate certain divisions in the Northern District of Alabama

As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on September 19, 2024

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2025	2025-2029	2025-2034
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	0	0
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

H.R. 7177 would codify the on-going consolidation of operations of federal district courts in the Northern District of Alabama by reducing the number of divisions within that district from seven to five. As a result of the changes, CBO expects that court proceedings would no longer be held in the cities of Decatur, Gadsden, and Jasper, and would instead be held in other cities within the district.

According to the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, court operations in Gadsden and Jasper have been transferred to other cities, and operations in Decatur will transfer in 2025. On that basis, CBO estimates that enacting the bill would have no budgetary effects.

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