Congressional Budget Office
Cost Estimate

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H.R. 7894, Truman Scholarship Clean House Act

As reported by the House Committee on Education and Workforce on July 2, 2026

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2026	2026-2031	2026-2036
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	*	*
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	*	*
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	0	*	not estimated

Increases *net direct spending* in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2037?	No	Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	Yes
		Mandate Effects	
Increases *on-budget deficits* in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2037?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No

* = between zero and $500,000.

H.R. 7894 would, 90 days after enactment, dissolve the existing board of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation, which provides scholarships to students interested in pursuing a career in public service, and would require new board members to be selected as soon as practicable. The bill would establish statutory requirements for scholarship eligibility and specify grounds for terminating or requiring a grant to be repaid. The bill also would establish transparency requirements for the foundation, such as posting press releases, program announcements, and scholar biographies on a publicly available website.

Spending by the foundation comes from appropriated amounts and from interest earned on its trust fund. Because that interest can be spent without further appropriation, it is classified in the budget as direct spending. As a result, changes to foundation activities can affect both direct spending and spending subject to appropriation.

CBO expects that replacing the board could temporarily decrease spending by delaying some of the foundation's activities, including awarding scholarships, and by reducing the expenses of current board members. Conversely, appointing new members, altering procedures for scholarship eligibility and termination, and complying with transparency requirements would increase administrative costs.

On that basis, CBO estimates that, on net, implementing H.R. 7894 would increase direct spending by less than $500,000 over the 2026-2036 period and increase spending subject to appropriation by the same amount over the 2026-2031 period.

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