



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 263 **Cybersecurity Education Enhancement Act of 2008**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Homeland Security on June 26, 2008

SUMMARY

H.R. 263 would authorize the appropriation of \$5 million for each of fiscal years 2009 and 2010 for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to make grants to institutions of higher education to establish or expand cybersecurity programs. In addition, the bill would direct DHS to establish a fellowship program for nonfederal employees to work temporarily in the department's National Cybersecurity Division. CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost about \$11 million over the 2009-2013 period, subject to appropriation of the necessary amounts. Enacting H.R. 263 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 263 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 263 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 750 (administration of justice).

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the necessary amounts will be appropriated near the start of each fiscal year and that outlays will follow the historical rate of spending for similar activities.

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2009-2013
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Estimated Authorization Level	5	5	*	*	*	11
Estimated Outlays	2	3	4	1	*	11

Note: * = less than \$500,000.

In addition to the specified authorizations of \$5 million for each of 2009 and 2010 for grants to expand cybersecurity programs, H.R. 263 would permit DHS to provide a stipend to cover reasonable living expenses for participants in the fellowship program established by the bill. CBO expects that about 20 people would participate in the new program in Washington, D.C., each year with each individual spending no more than six months in the program. We estimate that annual costs for stipends (including housing and commuting expenses) could be a few hundred thousand dollars each year and would total about \$1 million over the 2009-2013 period, subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 263 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA. The bill would benefit state, local and tribal governments by establishing grants for institutions of higher education and by creating a fellows program to provide training on cybersecurity issues and to foster partnerships on cybersecurity issues.

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