



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 3495

Kids in Disasters Well-being, Safety, and Health Act of 2007

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
on October 31, 2007*

H.R. 3495 would authorize the appropriation of \$4 million to establish the National Commission on Children and Disasters. The commission would be responsible for conducting a comprehensive study on the needs of children in preparing for, responding to, and recovering from major disasters and emergencies. Based on the historical spending patterns of similar-sized commissions, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 3495 would cost \$1 million in 2008 and \$4 million over the 2008-2010 period, subject to appropriation of the specified amounts. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 3495 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$2 million for each of fiscal years 2008 and 2009 to establish the new commission, which would be composed of 10 members, including individuals in the private sector and state and local governments with experience in emergency management. No later than two years after the enactment of this legislation, the commission would report to the Congress on the needs of children as they relate to preparing for, responding to, and recovering from major disasters and emergencies. The commission would be disbanded 180 days after submitting its report.

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