



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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S. 162

Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Act of 2013

As reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on June 20, 2013

SUMMARY

S. 162 would authorize the appropriation of \$40 million annually over the 2015-2019 period for the Department of Justice (DOJ) to make grants to state, local, and tribal governments to improve the treatment of mentally ill individuals in the criminal justice system. Those grants could be used to assist veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces and to develop programs for correctional facilities.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 162 would cost \$95 million over the 2014-2018 period. The remaining amount of \$105 million would be spent in subsequent years. Pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply to this legislation because it would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 162 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA).

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 162 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 750 (administration of justice). CBO assumes that the authorized amounts will be appropriated near the start of each fiscal year and that outlays will follow the historical rate of spending for those activities. The Congress appropriated \$9 million for fiscal year 2012 for grants to assist mentally ill offenders.

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2014- 2018
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Authorization Level	0	40	40	40	40	160
Estimated Outlays	0	10	20	30	35	95

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 162 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA. State, local, and tribal governments would benefit from grants for mental health services and other activities. Any cost to those entities would be incurred voluntarily as a condition of receiving federal assistance.

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