



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**S. 343
RESPECT Act**

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on March 29, 2017

S. 343 would repeal several laws enacted between 1862 and 1913 that stipulated situations in which the federal government could withhold funding from Indian tribes or tribal members. Such situations include, among others, a tribe being in open conflict with the United States, a Native American being under the influence of intoxicating liquors, and a tribe not having school-aged members attend school.

The laws that would be repealed by S. 343 do not affect the current processes for providing funds to Indian tribes; therefore CBO estimates that implementing S. 343 would have no effect on the federal budget.

Enacting S. 343 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply. CBO estimates that enacting the legislation would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2028.

S. 343 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.

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