

H.R. 5780, Safe Communities Act of 2020

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Homeland Security on February 12, 2020

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2020	2020-2025	2020-2030
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	*	19	not estimated
Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No	Mandate Effects	
Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2031?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No
* = between zero and \$500,000.			

H.R. 5780 would require the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) to provide information and guidance on securing critical infrastructure (such as power generation and transmission facilities) to state, local, and private stakeholders. CBO expects that, under the bill, CISA would provide that information on an agency website to help nonfederal entities protect themselves and their systems from terrorist threats. On the basis of information from CISA regarding similar information sharing programs, CBO estimates that it would cost \$6 million in 2021 to develop and disseminate security guidance, training modules, and fact sheets. CBO expects that the department would need 13 new employees by 2022, at an average salary of \$150,000, to communicate with the critical infrastructure community and to review additional materials for the website. In total, satisfying that requirement would cost \$14 million over the 2020-2025 period, CBO estimates.

The bill also would authorize CISA to train state and local officials to assess risks to critical infrastructure through a one-year pilot program. Using information on the costs of similar training efforts, CBO estimates that it would cost \$5 million to develop the curriculum and materials for the pilot program. If CISA chose to continue the pilot program after one year, costs would be higher than CBO estimates.

Satisfying the bill's reporting requirements would cost less than \$500,000 over the 2020-2025 period.



For this estimate, CBO assumes that the bill will be enacted in fiscal year 2020. Under that assumption, CISA could incur some costs in 2020, but CBO expects that most of the costs would be incurred in 2021 and later. In total, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 5780 would cost \$19 million over the 2020-2025 period (see Table 1). Such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriations.

Table 1.
Estimated Increases in Spending Subject to Appropriation Under H.R. 5780

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars						2020-2025
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	
Security Resources Website							
Estimated Authorization	*	6	2	2	2	2	14
Estimated Outlays	*	6	2	2	2	2	14
Train-the-Trainer Pilot Program							
Estimated Authorization	*	5	0	0	0	0	5
Estimated Outlays	*	5	*	0	0	0	5
Total Changes							
Estimated Authorization	*	11	2	2	2	2	19
Estimated Outlays	*	11	2	2	2	2	19

* = between zero and \$500,000.

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