

## H.R. 7174, National Computer Forensics Institute Reauthorization Act of 2022

As reported by the House Committee on Homeland Security on June 17, 2022

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2022	2022-2027	2022-2032
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	0	227	502
Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No	<b>Mandate Effects</b>	
Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2033?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No

H.R. 7174 would reauthorize the National Computer Forensics Institute at the Department of Homeland Security through fiscal year 2032. The current authorization for this program expires at the end of fiscal year 2022. The bill would require the institute to update its curriculum to include investigating cybersecurity incidents, conducting forensic examinations, and using digital evidence in court. Also, the bill would require the institute to analyze how it could expand its capacity and to report to the Congress on its activities.

The Congress appropriated \$43 million for the institute in 2022. Using historical spending patterns and adjusting for inflation, CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 7174 would cost \$227 million over the 2022-2027 period and an additional \$275 million after 2027; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.



The costs of the legislation, detailed in Table 1, fall within budget function 750 (administration of justice).

**Table 1.**  
**Estimated Increases in Spending Subject to Appropriation Under H.R. 7174**

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars						2022-2027
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	
National Computer Forensics Institute							
Estimated Authorization	0	44	45	47	48	50	235
Estimated Outlays	0	38	45	47	48	50	227

Components may not sum to totals because of rounding.

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