

H.R. 2992, TBI and PTSD Law Enforcement Training Act

As passed by the House of Representatives on May 18, 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	204	271
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 2033?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No

H.R. 2992 would direct the Department of Justice (DOJ) to develop crisis intervention training tools for use by first responders who interact with persons suffering from traumatic brain injuries and post-traumatic stress disorder. The act also would require the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to study and report about the prevalence and incidence of concussions among first responders.

The act would authorize the appropriation of \$54 million annually over the 2023-2027 period for a grant program administered by DOJ that funds treatment services for mentally ill adults and juveniles. Grants are awarded to local law enforcement and mental health agencies. In addition, H.R. 2992 would authorize funds to be used by DOJ to develop mental health training tools for use by local agencies and first responders. In fiscal year 2022, the Congress appropriated \$40 million for the program.

Using information provided by the agency and data about historical spending patterns for the program, CBO estimates the act would cost \$203 million over the 2023-2027 period, and \$67 million after 2027, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts.

The costs of the legislation, detailed in Table 1, fall within budget functions 550 (health) and 750 (administration of justice).

**Table 1.
Estimated Increases in Spending Subject to Appropriation Under H.R. 2992**

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars						2022-2027
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	
Department of Justice							
Estimated Authorization	0	54	54	54	54	54	270
Estimated Outlays	0	12	32	51	54	54	203
Centers for Disease Control							
Estimated Authorization	0	*	*	0	0	0	1
Estimated Outlays	0	*	*	0	0	0	1
Total Changes							
Estimated Authorization	0	54	54	54	54	54	271
Estimated Outlays	0	12	32	51	54	54	204

Components may not sum to totals because of rounding; * = between zero and \$500,000.

H.R. 2992 also would require the CDC, within 24 months of enactment, to conduct a study and submit a report to the Congress on the incidence of concussion among first responders. Based on historical spending patterns, CBO estimates that the agency would require two additional employees to collect and analyze data at an annual cost of about \$150,000 each for salaries and benefits. Over the 2023-2024 period, CBO estimates that implementing the provision would cost about \$1 million, subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

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