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COST ESTIMATE

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S. 1426
United States Center for Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017

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on June 29, 2017*

S. 1426 would designate the United States Center for Safe Sport as the national safe sport organization for the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) and would authorize the appropriation of \$1 million each year for fiscal years 2017-2021 for its operations. Currently, the Center operates as a non-profit entity that addresses sexual misconduct and abuse within national governing bodies recognized by the USOC. The bill also would specify the structure and duties of the Center and would require it to submit an annual report to Congress. CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$4 million over the 2018-2022 period, assuming appropriation of the specified amounts.

S. 1426 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply. CBO estimates that enacting S. 1426 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2028.

S. 1426 contains no intergovernmental mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

S. 1426 would impose a private-sector mandate, as defined in UMRA, by requiring the United States Center for Safe Sports to develop training, oversight practices, policies and procedures to prevent the abuse of any amateur athlete. The bill also would require additional procedures to be implemented by the Center to report such abuse. According to testimony, the United States Olympic Committee recently implemented such a program to prevent and report any abuse of athletes. Consequently, CBO estimates that the costs of complying with the mandates would be small and would fall well below the annual threshold established in UMRA for private-sector mandates (\$156 million in 2017, adjusted annually for inflation). Moreover, the bill would authorize the appropriation of \$1 million annually for fiscal years 2017-2021 to the Center to offset the costs of complying with the requirements of the bill.

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