



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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S. 3029

**Prematurity Research Expansion and Education for Mothers
who deliver Infants Early Reauthorization Act of 2018**

*As reported by the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
on July 9, 2018*

S. 3029 would amend provisions of the Public Health Service Act that authorize the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to conduct research and education activities relating to preterm labor and delivery and infant mortality. The bill would also authorize several reports and an interagency working group to improve coordination of and provide recommendations for programs and activities relating to preterm birth and infant mortality.

In fiscal year 2018, CDC received \$141 million for activities related to birth defects and developmental disabilities. The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$2 million for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2023 for research and education activities related to preterm birth and infant mortality. Based on historical spending patterns, CBO estimates those activities would cost about \$8 million over the 2019-2023 period, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts. In addition, CBO estimates, producing the reports and establishing an interagency working group would cost about \$1 million over the 2019-2023 period, subject to the availability of appropriated funds. In total the bill would cost \$9 million over that period, CBO estimates.

Because enacting S. 3029 would not affect direct spending or revenues, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply. CBO estimates that enacting S. 3029 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2029.

S. 3029 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

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