



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 4668 **Small Business Advanced Cybersecurity Enhancements Act of 2017**

As reported by the House Committee on Small Business on April 25, 2018

H.R. 4668 would direct the Small Business Administration (SBA) to establish a central small business cybersecurity assistance unit housed to be within the National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center. The unit would coordinate the sharing of information about threats to cybersecurity and defensive measures between small businesses and the federal government. Under the bill, 63 small business development centers (SBDCs) also would be required to establish cybersecurity assistance units to work with small businesses and to coordinate with the central small business cybersecurity assistance unit.¹

On the basis of information from the General Services Administration and from the SBA, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4668 would cost \$2 million annually and \$10 million over the 2019-2023 period to create and operate the central small business cybersecurity assistance unit and to provide additional federal funding for the operations of regional cybersecurity assistance units at the SBDCs. Such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

Enacting H.R. 4668 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 4668 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2029.

H.R. 4668 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

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1. Under current law, SBDCs provide technical assistance to small businesses; they are funded through grants from the SBA and matching funds from nonfederal sources.