



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 5079**  
**DHS Field Engagement Accountability Act**  
*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Homeland Security  
and Governmental Affairs on June 13, 2018*

H.R. 5079 would direct the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to improve the training and preparation of department personnel assigned to fusion centers, which facilitate information sharing among federal, state, and local authorities and are supported by DHS. The act also would require the department to enhance an information sharing computer network available to its personnel and to certain other federal and nonfederal employees.

Using information from DHS and assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 5079 would cost \$15 million over the 2019-2023 period, as shown in the following table.

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars						2019-2023
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
<b>INCREASES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>							
Estimated Authorization Level	0	7	2	2	2	2	15
Estimated Outlays	0	7	2	2	2	2	15

Most of these costs would be for upgrading and maintaining the information network used by DHS and other agencies as required by the legislation, including enhanced document sharing and search capabilities. That information network is used by about 100,000 personnel at federal, state, local, and nongovernmental agencies that are involved in homeland security activities.

Enacting H.R. 5079 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 5079 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2029.

H.R. 5079 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

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