

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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S. 594 National Cybersecurity Preparedness Consortium Act of 2017

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on September 26, 2018

S. 594 would authorize the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to work with a consortium to assist state and local governments to prepare for and respond to cybersecurity risks and incidents. Since 2014, the department has awarded \$13 million in grants to members of the National Cybersecurity Preparedness Consortium to deliver cybersecurity training and technical assistance to state and local governments. CBO expects that DHS would continue to provide a similar level of support under S. 594. CBO estimates that DHS would provide \$3 million in new grant funding each year, assuming appropriation of the estimated amounts. In total, implementing S. 594 would cost \$15 million over the 2019-2023 period.

Enacting S. 594 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting S. 594 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2029.

S. 594 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

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