

H.R. 1385, State Allowance for a Variety of Exchanges Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on April 3, 2019

Millions of Dollars	2019	2019-2024	2019-2029
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	196	196
Revenues	0	0	0
Deficit Effect	0	196	196
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	0	0	0
Pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	Yes	Mandate Effects	
Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2030?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No

Under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), HHS was authorized to provide grant funds to states to plan and establish on-line platforms—also known as health care marketplaces—where people without health care insurance could find information about health insurance options and also purchase health care insurance. The authority for HHS to award such grants expired at the end of 2014.

H.R. 1385 would appropriate \$200 million to HHS to provide grants to states that, as of the date of enactment of the bill, were not operating a health care marketplace. The bill also would limit a grant to a period of two years and would prohibit HHS from awarding a grant after December 31, 2022. CBO estimates that enacting the bill would increase direct spending by \$196 million over the 2019-2029 period.

Details of the estimated budgetary effect of H.R. 1385 are shown in Table 1. The costs of the legislation fall within budget function 550.

Table 1.
Estimated Budgetary Effects of H.R. 1385

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars											2019-2024	2019-2029
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029		
	Increases in Direct Spending												
Budget Authority	200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	200	200
Estimated Outlays	0	86	80	16	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	196	196

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