

S. 227, Savanna's Act

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on November 20, 2019

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2020	2020-2024	2020-2029
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	6	14	not estimated
Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No	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
* = between zero and \$500,000.			

S. 227 would direct the Department of Justice (DOJ) to provide training to state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies on how to record information about tribal affiliation in federal crime databases with respect to Indians who are victims of crimes. The bill also would require DOJ to create guidelines and best practices for law enforcement and criminal investigations occurring on Indian lands and reservations to improve responses to cases of missing or murdered Indians. (Some reservation lands are under the jurisdiction of the federal government.)

Using information from DOJ about the efforts needed to implement S. 227, CBO estimates that the bill would cost \$14 million over the 2020-2024 period, assuming appropriation of the estimated amounts. Most of those costs would be incurred by DOJ attorneys and staff to consult with interested parties, travel, develop guidance, and disseminate information to law enforcement partners.

The costs of the legislation, detailed in Table 1, fall within budget function 450 (community and regional development).

Table 1.
Estimated Increases in Spending Subject to Appropriation Under S. 227

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars					2020-2024
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
Estimated Authorization	7	5	2	*	*	14
Estimated Outlays	6	6	2	*	*	14

* = between zero and \$500,000.

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