



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

May 6, 2016

S. 125 **Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program** **Reauthorization Act of 2015**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on April 20, 2016

SUMMARY

S. 125 would authorize the appropriation of \$25 million annually over the 2016-2020 period for the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant program. Under this program, the Department of Justice makes grants to state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies to purchase bulletproof vests.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing S. 125 would cost \$80 million over the 2016-2021 period. Pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply to this legislation because enacting it would not affect direct spending or revenues.

CBO estimates that enacting S. 125 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2027.

S. 125 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA).

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 125 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 750 (administration of justice).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars						
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2016-2021
INCREASES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION							
Authorization Level ^a	3	25	25	25	25	0	103
Estimated Outlays	0	6	14	18	22	20	80

a. The act would authorize the appropriation of \$25 million for 2016 for the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant program. The Congress has already appropriated \$22.5 million for that program for 2016.

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

For this estimate, CBO assumes that S. 125 will be enacted in 2016, that the specified amounts will be appropriated each year (except for 2016), and that outlays will follow the historical rate of spending for the authorized program. The Congress appropriated \$22.5 million for the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant program for fiscal year 2016; thus, we estimate that the act would authorize additional funding of \$2.5 million for that year.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 125 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, state, local, and tribal governments would receive \$103 million to purchase bulletproof vests. Any costs to those governments would be incurred voluntarily as a condition of receiving federal assistance.

PREVIOUS CBO ESTIMATE:

On April 6, 2015, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for S. 125 as reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on March 26, 2015. That version of the legislation would provide \$30 million annually over the 2016-2020 period for the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant program. Differences in the budgetary effects of the two versions of the legislation reflect the fact that since the last estimate was prepared, \$22.5 million was appropriated for the program for 2016.

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