

S. 615, Trans-Sahara Counterterrorism Partnership Program Act of 2021

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations on March 24, 2021

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2021	2021-2026	2021-2031
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	*	2	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 2032?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No
* = between zero and \$500,000.			

S. 615 would codify the Trans-Sahara Counterterrorism Partnership, which coordinates federal support to counter violent extremism in North and West Africa. The partnership is an interagency effort led by the Department of State in conjunction with the Department of Defense and the U.S. Agency for International Development to help participating governments counter terrorist threats, improve governance, and prevent radicalization.

The bill would require the Department of State to develop and implement a comprehensive, interagency strategy for the partnership and to evaluate its progress. In addition, the department would be required to provide a strategy to coordinate development programs, diplomatic efforts, and national security objectives in the Sahel-Maghreb region. S. 615 also would require the department to provide regular notifications and reports to the Congress on its implementation of the program.

On the basis of information from the Administration, CBO estimates that many of the bill's requirements are already being met and that any incremental efforts, including monitoring, evaluating, and reporting would cost less than \$500,000 in 2021 and would total \$2 million over the 2021-2026 period. Such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

On March 29, 2021, CBO transmitted a [cost estimate for H.R. 567](#), the Trans-Sahara Counterterrorism Partnership Program Act of 2021, as ordered reported by the House

Committee on Foreign Affairs on February 25, 2021. The two bills are similar and CBO's estimates of the cost of implementing them are the same.

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