

H.R. 3485, Global Respect Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on September 30, 2021

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2022	2022-2026	2022-2031
Direct Spending (Outlays)	*	*	*
Revenues	*	*	*
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	*	*	*
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	*	*	not estimated
Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	Yes	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 -\$500,000 and \$500,000.			

H.R. 3485 would require the Administration to prepare, periodically update, and transmit to the Congress a list of foreign persons who have violated human rights on the basis of the victims' sexual orientation, gender identity, or sex characteristics. The bill would require the Department of State to designate at least one employee to track such violations. Individuals on that list would be ineligible for visas to, or entry into, the United States. Finally, H.R. 3485 would require the department to report annually to the Congress on its implementation of the bill and related matters.

The Administration has previously imposed similar sanctions. If—by providing explicit authority—enactment of the bill leads the Administration to broaden those sanctions, more people would be denied visas by the Department of State, resulting in an insignificant decrease in revenues from fees. Although most visa fees are retained by the department and spent without further appropriation, some collections are deposited into the Treasury as revenues. Denying foreign nationals entry into the United States also would reduce direct spending on federal benefits (emergency Medicaid or federal subsidies for health insurance, for example) for which those people might otherwise be eligible.

On the basis of data for similar sanctions, CBO estimates that any additional sanctions would affect a small number of people; thus, enacting H.R. 3485 would have insignificant effects



on revenues and direct spending, and would, on net, reduce deficits by insignificant amounts over the 2022-2031 period.

Using information about the costs of similar requirements, CBO estimates that preparing the list of sanctionable persons and providing the reports required under H.R. 3485 would cost less than \$500,000 over the 2022-2026 period; such spending would be subject to availability of appropriated funds.

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