

H.R. 5792, State and Local Digital Service Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Oversight and Reform on December 2, 2021

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2022	2022-2026	2022-2031
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	*	284	688
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.			

H.R. 5792 would direct the General Services Administration (GSA) to establish the Digital Service Agreement Program. That program would allow the agency to award grants to, or enter into cooperative agreements or memorandums of understanding with, state, local, and eligible tribal governments to plan, establish, or support improved online delivery of government services. Each agreement would have a term of not more than five years at a cost of no more than \$10 million.

The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$100 million annually over the 2022-2028 period for the program and \$1 million for eight years beginning in the year the first agreement is entered into for audits and oversight by GSA's Inspector General.

Based on spending patterns for similar programs and assuming appropriation of the specified amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 5792 would cost \$284 million over the 2022-2026 period, and \$424 million after 2026.

The costs of the legislation, detailed in Table 1, fall within budget function 800 (general government) and any budget function that provides online government services.



**Table 1.
Estimated Budgetary Effects of H.R. 5792**

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars											2022- 2026	2022- 2031
2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031			
Increases in Spending Subject to Appropriation												
Digital Service Agreement Program												
Specified Authorization	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	0	0	0	500	700
Estimated Outlays	*	40	60	80	100	120	100	80	60	40	280	680
Inspector General of the General Services Administration												
Specified Authorization	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	5	8
Estimated Outlays	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	4	8
Total Changes												
Specified Authorization	101	101	101	101	101	101	101	1	0	0	505	708
Estimated Outlays	*	41	61	81	101	121	101	81	61	40	284	688

* = between zero and \$500,000.

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