

H.R. 5768, VICTIM Act of 2022

As reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on July 26, 2022

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2022	2022-2027	2022-2032
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	0	377	877
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 2033?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No

H.R. 5768 would direct the Department of Justice to establish a program to award grants to state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies to improve the rate at which they solve crimes. Grants could be used for retaining or hiring detectives, upgrading forensic equipment, and ensuring victims of crimes have access to necessities, such as food and housing. Grant recipients would be required to report annually on how their funds were used, and the National Institute of Justice would be required to evaluate recipients' ability to improve solving crimes and report to the Congress on the results every two years.

H.R. 5768 would authorize the appropriation of \$100 million for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2032. Of the amounts appropriated, 10 percent must be awarded to tribal law enforcement agencies. Using historical spending patterns, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$377 million over the 2022-2027 period and an additional \$500 million over the 2028-2032 period. Such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.



The costs of the legislation, detailed in Table 1, fall within budget function 750 (administration of justice).

Table 1.
Estimated Increases in Spending Subject to Appropriation Under H.R. 5768

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars						2022-2027
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	
Grant Program							
Authorization	0	100	100	100	100	100	500
Estimated Outlays	0	22	60	95	100	100	377

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