



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 1245

A bill to reform mutual aid agreements for the National Capital Region

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and
Governmental Affairs on August 1, 2007*

Under the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-458), the federal government may enter into an agreement with state and local governments in the National Capital Region (including the District of Columbia, the surrounding counties of Maryland and Virginia, and the city of Alexandria) for the provision of police, fire, rescue and other services during a disaster or training exercise. Organizations may be liable for acts or omissions of its employees, including volunteers, while rendering aid as part of a mutual aid agreement. S. 1245 would remove that liability for authorized volunteers of organizations that are party to the agreement. The bill also would allow other state and local entities in the National Capital Region to become a party to a mutual aid agreement.

CBO estimates that implementing S. 1245 would have no significant federal cost over the 2008-2012 period. Enacting this legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues. S. 1245 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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