



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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S. 1829

Protect Our Children First Act of 2007

As reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on December 13, 2007

SUMMARY

S. 1829 would authorize the appropriation of such sums as necessary for each of the fiscal years 2009 through 2013 for the Department of Justice to continue funding the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) and to support other programs to prevent the abduction of children and assist the families of missing children. CBO estimates that implementing S. 1829 would cost about \$185 million over the 2009-2013 period, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

S. 1829 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 1829 is shown in the following table. CBO estimated the authorization levels for 2009 through 2013 for the programs authorized by the bill by adjusting the amount appropriated for 2008 for anticipated inflation. For fiscal year 2008, the Congress appropriated a total of \$50 million for NCMEC and the other programs authorized by S. 1829. CBO assumes that the amounts authorized by the bill will be appropriated by the beginning of each fiscal year and that outlays will follow the historical spending rates for those activities. The cost of this legislation falls within budget function 750 (administration of justice).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Spending Under Current Law for NCMEC						
Budget Authority ^a	50	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	48	38	23	14	0	0
Proposed Changes						
Estimated Authorization Level	0	52	53	55	56	58
Estimated Outlays	0	11	27	38	54	55
Spending Under S. 1829						
Budget Authority/Estimated Authorization Level ^a	50	52	53	55	56	58
Estimated Outlays	48	49	50	52	54	55

a. The 2008 level is the amount appropriated for that year for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and other programs authorized by the bill.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

S. 1829 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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