



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

June 30, 2008

**H.R. 2352
School Safety Enhancements Act of 2008**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on June 11, 2008

SUMMARY

H.R. 2352 would authorize the appropriation of \$50 million for each of fiscal years 2009 and 2010 for the Department of Justice to make grants to state, local, and tribal governments for programs to improve school security. Current law authorizes funding for this program through fiscal year 2009; the existing 2009 authorization is for \$30 million. CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2352 would cost \$63 million over the 2009-2013 period, assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or receipts.

H.R. 2352 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA).

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 2352 is shown in the following table. For this estimate, CBO assumes that the amounts authorized by H.R. 2352 will be appropriated by the beginning of each fiscal year and that outlays will follow the historical spending rates for these 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						
Budget Authority/Authorization Level ^a	15	30	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	14	18	16	10	6	4
Proposed Changes						
Estimated Authorization Level	0	20	50	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	0	4	17	19	13	10
Spending Under H.R. 2352						
Budget Authority/Authorization Level	15	50	50	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	14	22	33	29	19	14

a. The 2008 level is the amount appropriated for that year for school security grants. The 2009 level is the amount authorized in current law for this program.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 2352 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA. Provisions in the bill would benefit state, local, and tribal governments by extending and increasing the authorization for a grant program to improve school safety and by reducing the required match to participate in that program. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, those governments would receive \$63 million over the 2009-2013 period. Any associated costs or requirements on those governments would be incurred voluntarily as a condition of receiving federal assistance.

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