



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

July 31, 2002

S. 2483

National Small Business Regulatory Assistance Act of 2002

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship
on July 24, 2002, with subsequent changes provided on July 29, 2002*

SUMMARY

S. 2483 would require the Small Business Administration (SBA) to establish a pilot program for small business development centers (SBDCs) to counsel small business owners on compliance with federal and state regulations. SBDCs are cooperative efforts of the private sector, schools, and federal, state, and local governments to provide management assistance to current and prospective small business owners.

S. 2483 would authorize the appropriation of \$5 million a year during the 2003-2006 period to fund the new program. Based on the SBA's historical spending patterns, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$20 million over the 2003-2007 period, assuming the appropriation of the authorized amounts. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

S. 2483 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA). The bill would benefit state, local, or tribal governments receiving grants under this bill, and any costs incurred would be voluntary.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of S. 2483 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 370 (commerce and housing credit).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
Authorization Level	5	5	5	5	0
Estimated Outlays	4	5	5	5	1

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

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PREVIOUS CBO ESTIMATE

On August 13, 2001, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 203, the National Small Business Regulatory Assistance Act of 2001, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Small Business on August 1, 2001. The provisions and the estimated costs of H.R. 203 are very similar to those of S. 2483, except that H.R. 203 would authorize the appropriation of \$5 million for this program in 2002 and every year thereafter.

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