

H.R. 7335, Transparency in National Security Threats Act

As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on February 29, 2024

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2024	2024-2029	2024-2034
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	2	7	not estimated
Increases <i>net direct spending</i> in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2035?	No	Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No
		Mandate Effects	
Increases <i>on-budget deficits</i> in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2035?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No

H.R. 7335 would require the Department of Justice (DOJ), in consultation with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), to report monthly to the Congress about encounters and arrests of aliens (non-U.S. nationals) who are in the terrorist screening database. The terrorist screening database contains identifying information of known or suspected terrorists, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation shares that information with law enforcement, intelligence, and homeland security agencies.

The bill also would require DOJ and DHS to notify the Congress within 96 hours of each encounter or arrest of a person whose identity is contained in the database. Lastly, H.R. 7335 would require DHS to publish monthly statistics on the total number of aliens encountered on the U.S. border.

CBO assumes that the bill will be enacted about halfway through calendar year 2024. On that basis, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 7335 would cost \$7 million over the 2024-2029 period. Any spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds. Based on the costs of similar activities, CBO estimates it would cost DOJ \$1 million in 2024 to upgrade its information technology systems. CBO further estimates that DOJ would need three people at a cost of \$1 million annually over the 2024-2029 period to coordinate with DHS, analyze the data, and report on encounters of aliens identified in the terrorist screening

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database. Because DHS already publishes data monthly on nationwide encounters of aliens, CBO estimates that provision would not have a cost.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Jeremy Crimm. The estimate was reviewed by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Director of Budget Analysis.

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