



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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**H.R. 1520
Child Status Protection Act of 1999**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on October 5, 1999

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1520 would result in no significant costs to the federal government. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts, so pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. This legislation 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.

Under current law, immigrant visas are issued to unmarried sons and daughters of U.S. citizens in the order in which applications are received. H.R. 1520 would change the allocation of these visas to give priority to such applicants who are under the age of 21. The bill also would direct the Secretary of State to maintain information on the number of visas issued to such applicants. CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1520 would not significantly affect the level of immigration or the workloads of the Immigration and Naturalization Service or the Department of State.

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