



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

January 5, 2012

### **H.R. 2076** **Investigative Assistance for Violent Crimes Act of 2011**

*As reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on November 17, 2011*

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2076 would have no significant cost to the federal government. Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 2076 would clarify the authority of the Department of Justice (DOJ) to assist state and local governments in investigating certain violent crimes. The act also would raise, from \$2 million to \$3 million, the maximum reward that DOJ may offer for public assistance in solving crimes. Based on information from DOJ about rewards paid in recent years, CBO expects very few rewards to exceed \$2 million. Thus, we estimate that H.R. 2076 would have no significant effect on department spending (rewards are paid from appropriated funds).

H.R. 2076 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.

On July 28, 2011, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 2076 as ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on July 21, 2011. The two versions of the legislation are identical, as are the cost estimates.

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