



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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H.R. 4247
Preventing Harmful Restraint and Seclusion in Schools Act
*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Education and Labor
on February 4, 2010*

H.R. 4247 would authorize the appropriation of such sums as may be necessary for fiscal years 2011 through 2015 to award grants to states to assist them in establishing and implementing policies and collecting and analyzing data related to the physical restraint or seclusion of elementary and secondary school students. Under the General Education Provisions Act, these authorizations automatically would be extended one year to 2016.

As shown in the following table, based on the funding levels for similar programs at the U.S. Department of Education, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4247 would increase discretionary spending by about \$250 million over the 2011-2015 period. For this estimate, CBO projects that approximately \$340 million would be appropriated over that period and that outlays would follow the historical spending pattern for similar programs. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 500 (education, training, employment and social services). Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues.

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2011- 2015
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION						
Estimated Authorization Level	66	67	67	68	69	337
Estimated Outlays	2	51	65	67	68	254

H.R. 4247 contains no intergovernmental or private sector mandates, as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act. State and local governments could benefit from grants provided by the bill. Any costs to state and local governments that result from participation in the grant programs would be incurred voluntarily as conditions of federal assistance.

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