



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
COST ESTIMATE

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**H.R. 4757**  
**Our Lady of Peace Act**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary on July 23, 2002*

**SUMMARY**

H.R. 4757 would authorize the appropriation of \$250 million for each of the fiscal years 2004 through 2006 for the Attorney General to make grants to states to improve criminal databases used to determine individuals' eligibility to purchase firearms. The bill also would authorize the appropriation of \$125 million annually over the 2004-2006 period for grants to state courts to improve the automation and transmittal of criminal records. In addition, H.R. 4757 would direct the Attorney General to prepare several annual reports on the progress of federal and state agencies toward improving criminal records.

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4757 would cost \$957 million over the 2003-2007 period. This legislation would not affect direct spending or receipts, so pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

H.R. 4757 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would benefit state and local governments.

**ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

For this estimate, CBO assumes that the amounts authorized in H.R. 4757 will be appropriated by the start of each fiscal year and that outlays will follow historical spending patterns for similar grant programs. We estimate that the annual reports required by the bill would cost less than \$500,000 annually, subject to the availability of appropriations. The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 4757 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 750 (administration of justice).

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By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars

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2003      2004      2005      2006      2007

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**CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION**

Authorization Level	0	375	375	375	0
Estimated Outlays	0	83	225	356	293

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**PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS:** None.

**ESTIMATED IMPACT ON STATE, LOCAL, AND TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS**

H.R. 4757 contains no intergovernmental mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act. The bill would benefit state and local governments by establishing grant programs to establish or upgrade information collection systems for determining individuals' eligibility to purchase firearms and to improve court procedures related to the disposition of criminal history records and restraining orders. Any costs incurred to receive or administer such grants would be voluntary.

**ESTIMATED IMPACT ON THE PRIVATE-SECTOR**

H.R. 4757 contains no new private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA.

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