



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

October 23, 2009

**S. 1782
Federal Judiciary Administrative Improvements Act of 2009**

As introduced on October 14, 2009

S. 1782 would increase the cap on annual leave hours that can be carried over by senior executives in the federal courts, the Federal Judicial Center (FJC), and the Sentencing Commission. The cap would increase from 240 hours to 720 hours. The bill also would adjust the disability retirement coverage and cost-of-living annuity adjustments of territorial judges. Finally, the bill would raise the cap on pay for division directors within the FJC and make several other administrative changes to the federal judiciary.

Based on information provided by the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, CBO estimates that enacting S. 1782 would increase discretionary outlays by \$3 million over the 2010–2014 period, assuming the availability of appropriated funds. Most of those additional costs would result from the higher cap on annual leave balances. In addition, CBO estimates that the provisions in S. 1782 related to territorial judges would increase direct spending by insignificant amounts over the 2010–2019 period. Enacting the bill would have no effect on revenues.

S. 1782 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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