



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

January 14, 2010

H.R. 2711 **Special Agent Samuel Hicks Families of Fallen Heroes Act**

*As reported by the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
on December 17, 2009*

CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2711 would cost less than \$1 million annually from appropriated funds. Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues. H.R. 2711 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.

H.R. 2711 would authorize federal agencies to use appropriated funds to pay certain relocation expenses for the families of federal law enforcement officers, customs and border protection officers, and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) employees who have died as a result of performing official duties.

In the past 10 years, 80 federal law enforcement officers have died under such circumstances. Based on this information CBO expects that fewer than 10 families per year, on average, would be affected by the provisions of H.R. 2711. Based on the costs to relocate FBI agents, we expect that the average amount of relocation expenses covered by the act would be less than \$100,000 per family. Thus, we estimate that implementing the legislation would cost less than \$1 million annually, assuming the availability of appropriated funds. (The cost would likely be much smaller in some years and could be greater than \$1 million in some years.)

On September 25, 2009, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 2711, the FBI Families of Fallen Heroes Act, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on September 10, 2009. That legislation would authorize the Department of Justice to pay certain relocation expenses for the families of FBI employees who have died as a result of performing official duties. CBO estimated that implementing that version of H.R. 2711 would have no significant cost to the federal government.

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