



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

January 26, 2010

S. 714

National Criminal Justice Commission Act of 2010

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on January 21, 2010

S. 714 would establish a National Criminal Justice Commission to review the criminal justice system in the United States including federal, state, and local policies and practices.

Under S. 714, commission members would be appointed by the President, Senate Majority and Minority Leaders, and the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives. The commission would have 18 months to report to the Congress on its findings, conclusions, and recommendations. Any commission members that are not federal employees would be compensated for their service. In addition, all commission members would be reimbursed for travel expenses. The commission would be authorized to hire staff, use volunteers or personnel from other federal agencies, and would terminate 60 days after submitting its final report. S. 714 would authorize the appropriation of up to \$14 million over the 2010-2011 period for the commission to carry out its duties.

CBO estimates that implementing S. 714 would cost about \$14 million over the 2010-2012 period, subject to appropriation of the necessary amounts. Because S. 714 would authorize the commission to accept and use gifts, enacting the legislation could have a negligible impact on offsetting receipts and associated direct spending. Enacting the bill would not affect revenues.

S. 714 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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