



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

August 30, 2010

### **H.R. 5756** **Training and Research for Autism Improvements** **Nationwide Act of 2010**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce  
on July 28, 2010*

#### **SUMMARY**

H.R. 5756 would authorize the appropriation of funds for two types of grants. The first type of grant would go to University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research, and Service to provide training, continuing education, technical assistance, and information to children and adults on the autism spectrum, as well as the families of such individuals and the professionals working with those individuals. The goal of the funds would be to improve services provided to individuals on the autism spectrum and their families. The second type of grant would facilitate outreach of University Centers for Excellence to minority institutions.

CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$55 million over the 2011-2015 period, assuming appropriation of the necessary sums. Pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply to this legislation because it would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 5756 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA).

#### **ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 5756 for the 2011-2015 period is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 500 (education, training, employment, and social services).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					2011-
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2015
<b>CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION <sup>a</sup></b>						
National Training Initiative						
Grants and Technical Assistance						
Authorization Level	0	17	17	17	17	68
Estimated Outlays	0	3	13	18	18	52
Capacity Building Grants						
Authorization Level	0	1	1	1	1	4
Estimated Outlays	0	*	1	1	1	3
Total Changes						
Authorization Level	0	18	18	18	18	72
Estimated Outlays	0	3	14	19	19	55

Note: \*= less than \$500,000.

a. The legislation also would authorize funding for fiscal year 2016.

## BASIS OF ESTIMATE

H.R. 5756 would authorize appropriations for two different grants. The first type of grant would go to University Centers for Excellence. This grant would be used to improve services provided to people on the autism spectrum and their families by providing training, continuing education, technical assistance, and information to those people, as well as to the professionals working with such individuals. The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$17 million per year over the 2012-2016 period.

The second type of grant would go to as many as four University Centers for Excellence. These grants would be used to foster collaboration with minority institutions geared toward providing services for and conducting research and education on racial and ethnic minorities on the autism spectrum, as well as to assist those institutions to establish their own University Centers for Excellence. The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$1 million per year over the 2012-2016 period.

For this estimate, CBO assumes that H.R. 5756 will be enacted this year, that amounts authorized and estimated to be necessary will be appropriated for each fiscal year, and that outlays will follow historical spending patterns for similar programs.

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

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

H.R. 5756 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in UMRA. The bill would benefit public institutions of higher education that provide services and education to individuals with autism spectrum disorders and their families.

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