



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 5367
D.C. Courts and Public Defender Service Act of 2010

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
on September 23, 2010*

H.R. 5367 would change the District of Columbia Official Code that governs the D.C. Courts system and the office of the public defender. Based on information provided by the court system, CBO estimates that the proposed changes would have no significant effect on the federal budget. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

Under current law, the budget of the D.C. Courts system, including the Public Defender Service, is funded by federal appropriations, and its expenditures are recorded on the federal budget. Among other changes, the bill would authorize the D.C. courts to accept reimbursement from the District of Columbia government for certain equipment, services, and supplies. Such reimbursement would be credited to the appropriation for the D.C. Courts System, and any net effect on the federal budget would be negligible.

H.R. 5367 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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