

H.R. 736, PROTECT Kids Act

As reported by the House Committee on Education and the Workforce on October 1, 2024

| By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars | 2025 | 2025-2029 | 2025-2034 |
|--|------|---|---------------|
| Direct Spending (Outlays) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Revenues | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays) | 0 | * | not estimated |
| Increases <i>net direct spending</i> in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2035? | No | Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply? | No |
| | | Mandate Effects | |
| Increases <i>on-budget deficits</i> in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2035? | No | Contains intergovernmental mandate? | No |
| | | Contains private-sector mandate? | No |
| * = between zero and \$500,000. | | | |

H.R. 736 would require public elementary and secondary schools that receive funds under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to obtain parental consent before changing a student’s gender markers, pronouns, or preferred name on any school form or their sex-based accommodations, such as locker rooms or bathrooms. The requirements would apply only to students through grade eight.

CBO expects that schools will comply with the new requirements. As a result, CBO estimates enacting the bill would have no effect on federal spending for grants to elementary and secondary schools.

Based on the cost of similar activities, CBO estimates that the costs to the Department of Education to implement H.R. 736 would be insignificant; any related spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

See also

[CBO’s Cost Estimates Explained](#), [CBO Describes Its Cost-Estimating Process](#), [Glossary](#)



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